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**BURIAL AT SEA** | RARE GLIMPSE AT THE COST OF WAR



**MEMORIALIZED:** Under pressure from open-government advocates, the Defense Department on Thursday released hundreds of images of flag-draped coffins of American soldiers, including this one of a Burial at Sea ceremony for U.S. Navy Machinist's Mate Third Class Nathan Taylor aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise on May 19, 2004. The Pentagon had previously refused to release such images. ♦ **Public records:** Lawsuit led to the release | **Page 4**

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Cool as Ice:** *Ice Cube* is out to save the world in 'XXX: State of the Union.' Also, 'Hitchhiker's Guide'; 'Enron'; 'Warm Springs.' >> **19-31**



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# Bush's Prime-Time Pitch

Dropping in polls, president takes his agenda to television

**WASHINGTON** | President Bush urged Congress on Thursday night to tilt the Social Security system to benefit low-income retirees of the future as part of a plan to shore up the program's finances.

At a rare prime-time news conference, Bush said he envisioned a plan under which all future retirees could "count on a benefit equal to or higher than today's seniors," a formula that left open the possibility that guaranteed benefits for middle- and upper-income

seniors could be cut in later years to bring Social Security's finances into balance.

Republican officials had said in advance that the president would prod lawmakers to embrace a plan that would curtail benefits for middle- and upper-income retirees of the future, but he did not directly address the issue in opening remarks.

Facing reporters in the East Room of the

White House, Bush also pledged to address rising energy costs. The House has approved energy legislation, and a companion measure is awaiting action in the Senate. Bush said he wanted a bill on his desk by summer.

Bush's job approval has slumped since his second-term inauguration; a majority of people oppose his approach to Social Security and more than 60 percent of Americans disapprove of his handling of energy problems amid skyrocketing gasoline prices. (AP)

♦ **Taking charge:** Bush tries to regain control of his bold national agenda | **Today's Post, A Section**

**CRIME** | **Next Time, Bring a TiVo** There may be a burglar with a conscience in Kremlin, Okla. A television, stereo and VCR were stolen over the weekend from a house there. But on Monday, police were told that the house was broken into



again and the electronics gear was returned. In addition, the wiring was restored and the doorjamb damage from the original break-in was repaired. "It was spooky," said undersheriff Jerry Niles. The case is still being investigated. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

# eyeOpeners

## THWARTING

### Roofie-Proof

London design student Tom Martin has created a glass that prevents drinks from being spiked at bars, CNN reported. The "Hollow" has a bottomless center and double walls; the gap between them is so narrow a special nozzle is needed to pour the drink. "If you were to drop anything into the glass, it would go straight through the middle," he said. (EXPRESS)

## BUREAUCRACY

### Sorry, I Give Only To Licensed Pros

The Minneapolis, Minn., police chief wants to license panhandlers, saying it would make it easier for officers to manage aggressive begging. Under the plan, panhandlers would have to register with the government each year. Anyone failing to wear their ID badge would be jailed for 30 days and possibly fined. (AP)

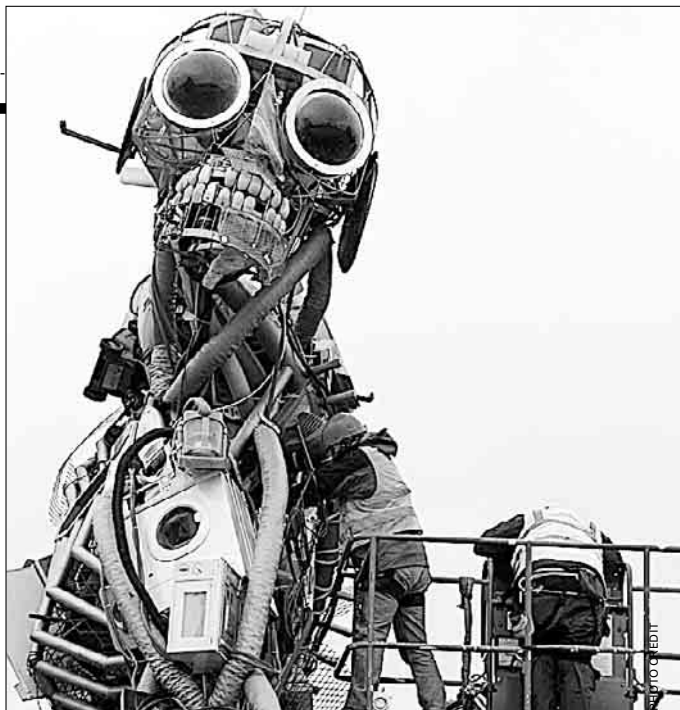
## DISORDERS

### Distractivist Judge

A Seminole County, Fla., judge claims attention deficit disorder caused him to send 11 people to jail for being late to his court, WFTV-TV reported. In December, the group was sent to the wrong courtroom for a hearing. When they were

late, Judge John Sloop ordered their arrests. When informed of the mistake, however, he went to lunch and heard other cases, leaving the group in jail for hours. He was later diagnosed with ADD, his lawyer said.

A state panel of judges will decide if he should be removed from office. (EXPRESS)



## PROFOUND

### The Waste Land

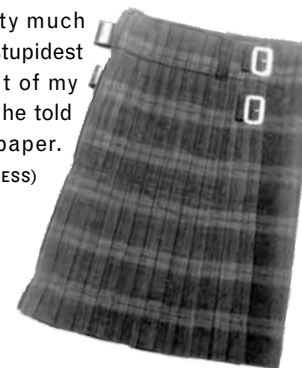
Paul Bonomini erected his 23-foot-high WEEEMAN — Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Man — Thursday in London. Made of three tons of junk, it represents the amount of electronic waste the average U.K. resident creates in a lifetime, the Press Association reported. (EXPRESS)

## CULTURE

### It's High School, Not the Highlands

Scottish people the world over are outraged that a Minnesota student was not allowed to walk in the Grand March at a prom earlier this month because his kilt was in violation of the dress code at Osakis High School, the Saint Paul Pioneer Press reported. Boys are required to wear pants; school officials told Eric Schulzetenberg that a kilt counted as shorts and gave him the option of changing into jeans. Instead, he elected to keep his outfit to honor his grandfather's mother. "It was pretty much the stupidest night of my life," he told the paper.

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**FOAL FOUL?** A team of French and U.S. researchers has successfully cloned a horse, Texas A&M University officials said Wednesday. The foal, named Paris Texas, was born March 13. The university believes it's the first cloned horse in North America.



# Nation

## PENTAGON | MILITARY MARVEL



JASON REED/REUTERS

**TOUGH GUYS:** Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld flexed with Spider-Man and Captain America at the Pentagon on Thursday to promote Marvel's "Salute Our Troops" comic, to be distributed to U.S. troops worldwide.

# GOP Floats Filibuster Deal

**But Frist doesn't back down on demand that all nominees get votes**

WASHINGTON | Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist refused to budge Thursday on his demand that Democrats forgo filibusters against all of President Bush's past or present appeals court nominations.

"Throughout this debate, we have held firm to a simple principle, judicial nominees deserve up-or-down votes," Frist said.

He offered to allow senators to retain the right to filibuster District Court nominees as part of an arrangement in which confirmation votes would be guaranteed on

the nation's highest judgeships after 100 hours of debate. Frist also said that under his plan, senators would no longer be able to block nominees in the Judiciary Committee.

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid said he would look at Frist's offer, but wasn't all that charitable in his description. "It's a big wet kiss to the far right," he said.

Reid said that Frist's offer would mean that Democrats would lose their ability to block Bush nominees, a condition he is not willing to accept. "After 100 hours the rights of the minority are extinguished," he responded in a Senate speech. "This has never been about the lengths of the debate. This is about checks and balances." **JESSE J. HOLLAND (AP)**

## APPROVING THE BUDGET

→ **The House and Senate** debated a budget Thursday that would cut spending on Medicaid health care for the poor for the first time since 1997 in an effort to trim federal deficits. The budget sketches out plans and priorities for spending \$2.6 trillion in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, projecting a federal deficit of \$383 billion. Lawmakers use the blueprint to pass specific tax and spending legislation later in the year. (AP)

**Spending plan:** For more details on the budget and the final votes in Congress, go to [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)

# Ex-Wife Backs Jackson

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. | The mother of two of Michael Jackson's children described the pop star Thursday as a "good father, great with kids" who became a victim of "opportunistic vultures" in his inner circle as they sought to make millions from his troubles.

The testimony about Jackson's associates marked the second day that Jackson's ex-wife Deborah Rowe turned the tables on prosecutors in his child molestation trial.

Rowe was called to bolster a charge that the singer and his associates conspired to hold the accuser's family captive to make a video

praising him. But Rowe instead portrayed Jackson as a victim of men now named as unindicted co-conspirators.

Rowe's testimony was sometimes teary, sometimes salty and sarcastic.

When asked by the defense to describe Jackson, she caught her breath and said:

"Generous to a fault, good father, great with kids, puts other people ahead of him. Brilliant businessman." (AP)



Rowe

# Schedule Shift Leads to Better Coverage of Bush

NEW YORK | A schedule change by the White House on Thursday enabled President Bush to get considerably wider television exposure than he would have otherwise gotten for his prime-time news conference.

Faced with three of the four largest broadcast networks snub-

bing his news conference for regular prime-time programming, the White House moved the event from 8:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. After the shift, ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox all said they would cover it.

The White House tried to be accommodating when it realized it had left the networks in a bind on the first night of the May "sweeps," when ratings are closely watched to set local advertising rates, said White House press secretary Scott McClellan. (AP)



**BY THE NUMBERS:** The number of secret court-authorized wiretaps across the country surged by 19 percent last year, according to records that also showed that not a single application was denied. Judges approved 1,710 applications for wiretaps of wire, oral or electronic communications last year, according to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. (AP)

# Guilty Verdict in Runnion Murder

SANTA ANA, CALIF. | A jury convicted a factory worker Thursday of kidnapping and murdering 5-year-old Samantha Runnion, an Orange County girl whose 2002 death prompted stronger efforts to rescue abducted children.

After deliberating for less than nine hours over two days, jurors convicted Alejandro Avila, 30, of kidnapping, murder and sexual assault. In the penalty phase, set to begin Wednesday, the jury will decide whether to recommend a death sentence or life in prison without parole. (AP)



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# Nation



**TRAFFIC JAM:** A pregnant New York woman gave birth in a taxi Thursday amid rush hour traffic at the toll booths to the Lincoln Tunnel. Police and transportation authority agents aided the birth, and mother and newborn were doing well.

## Police Seek 'Extinct' Bird Found in Ark.

### Police Seek Missing Ga. Bride

DULUTH, GA. | A 32-year-old bride-to-be vanished just days before her wedding, and more than 100 volunteers joined police Thursday in an all-out search of her wooded suburban neighborhood.

Authorities said they were considering the case of Jennifer Wilbanks a criminal investigation.



Wilbanks

Wilbanks was reported missing by her fiancé, John Mason, who said she disappeared Tuesday on her nightly jog. He said she left with only her radio and the clothes she had on.

Mason and Wilbanks were to be married Saturday in what was expected to be a big bash, with 600 invitations sent out and 14 bridesmaids and 14 groomsmen, said Mason's mother, Vicki. (AP)

Not seen since 1944, striking woodpecker makes a reappearance

WASHINGTON | The ivory-billed woodpecker, once prized for its plumage and sought by American Indians as magical, was thought to be extinct for years. Now it's been sighted again and conservationists are exulting.

The striking bird, last seen in 1944, has been rediscovered in the Big Woods area of Arkansas, scientists reported Thursday.



An image of the ivory-billed woodpecker, which scientists feared was extinct.

"This is thrilling beyond words ... after 60 years of fading hope that we would ever see this spectacular

bird again," John W. Fitzpatrick, director of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, said at a news conference.

Since early 2004 there have been several independent sightings, including one caught on videotape, of one or more of the birds, Fitzpatrick said.

That video of the bird's 3-foot wingspan and distinctive black-and-white markings confirmed the presence of the creature that seemed to have vanished after logging destroyed its habitat.

RANDOLPH SCHMID (AP)

## In Brief

FORT BRAGG, N.C.

### Jury Begins Debating Fate Of Soldier in Grenade Attack

A military jury Thursday began deliberating whether a U.S. soldier should be executed for killing two officers in a grenade attack in Kuwait — murders for which the defendant apologized in a brief, barely audible statement. Sgt. Hasan Akbar, a Muslim convert described by prosecutors as a religious ideologue and by his attorneys as mentally ill, told the military jury before deliberations began, "I want to apologize for the attack that occurred. I felt that my life was in jeopardy, and I had no other options. I also want to ask you for forgiveness." (AP)

ALBANY, N.Y.

### Spitzer Sues Over Sneaky Installation of 'Spyware'

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer on Thursday sued a major Internet marketer, claiming the company installed "spyware" and "adware" that secretly install nuisance pop-up advertising on screens which can slow and crash personal computers. Spitzer said the suit filed in New York City against Intermix Media Inc. combats the redirecting of home computer users to unwanted Web sites, the adding of toolbar items and the delivery of unwanted pop-up ads. (AP)



Spitzer

## HEARSAY | GADGETS

"It usually has to do with young people taking them from young people."

—POLICE COMMISSIONER RAYMOND KELLY DISCUSSING A 20 PERCENT SPIKE IN THEFTS OF IPODS ON NEW YORK CITY SUBWAYS. POLICE SAID 50 HAD BEEN STOLEN THIS YEAR.



In this photo released by the Defense Department on Thursday, soldiers drape flags over the caskets of four crew members killed in a Black Hawk helicopter crash.

## War Coffin Photos Released

WASHINGTON | The Defense Department, under pressure from open-government advocates, released hundreds of images Thursday of flag-draped coffins of American soldiers.

The department had previously refused to release such images, which were taken by military photographers. Nor has it allowed the news media to photograph ceremonies of soldiers' coffins arriving in the United States, saying it is enforcing a policy installed in 1991 to respect the privacy of families of dead soldiers.

The pictures were released in

response for a request for all military photos of caskets containing the remains of American soldiers taken since the U.S. launched its attack on Afghanistan in October 2001. Some critics have contended the government is trying to hide the human cost of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The photographs were released in response to a Freedom of Information request and lawsuit by Ralph Begleiter, a professor at the University of Delaware and a former correspondent for CNN, who argued the photographs were a public record. (AP)

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**STILL STANDING:** Australian company Palacom said Thursday it has been given approval to create a cemetery where bodies will be buried vertically to save space and minimize the environmental impact. The no-frills burials would involve body bags rather than caskets.

## World

### In Brief

#### LEBANON

##### **Top Pro-Syrian Prosecutor, Security Chief Removed**

The Lebanese government removed the country's top prosecutor and a security chief Thursday, and replaced two other security chiefs who had stepped aside in a campaign to purge the administration of pro-Syrian officials. Prime Minister Najib Mikati's Cabinet also appointed a new police commander and a new head of military intelligence. The moves came two days after Syria completed its troop withdrawal from Lebanon under relentless international pressure, ending 29 years of political and military dominance of its smaller neighbor. (AP)

#### AUSTRIA

##### **Vote to Reappoint Nuclear Agency Chief Postponed**

The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency has postponed a decision on the reappointment of its head rather than risk a confrontation between the United States and other nations at a special meeting held to decide who should lead organization. The board of the International Atomic Energy Agency has until June, when it meets for a regular session, to make a decision on letting Mohammed ElBaradei stay on for a third term as agency head, a move the United States opposes. (AP)



ElBaradei

#### SOUTH AFRICA

##### **Two Convicted of Throwing Farm Worker to Lions**

A white South African farmer and his employee were convicted Thursday of attacking a black worker in January 2004 and throwing him into a lion enclosure in a case that shocked a nation still coming to terms with its apartheid past. Nelson Chisale, 41, had been fired two months earlier, apparently for running a personal errand during work hours. He was attacked when he returned to employer Mark Scott-Crossley's farm to collect some belongings. (AP)

# Iraqi Assembly OKs Government Plan

## In milestone decision, partial Cabinet approved

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | The interim National Assembly approved a partial lineup Thursday for Iraq's first elected government since Saddam Hussein's fall. But after nearly three months of political wrangling, the Cabinet still failed to give a meaningful governing stake to the Sunni minority — considered key to ending the insurgency.

President Bush said the Cabinet "will represent the unity and diversity" of the country as it begins the work at drafting a new constitution, fighting terrorism and ensuring basic services for its citizens.

Prime Minister-designate Ibrahim al-Jaafari submitted a Cabinet with 37 positions representing the country's main Shiite,

Kurdish, Sunni and Christian groups. However, two deputy prime minister's slots remained vacant and acting ministers were assigned to five portfolios — including the important defense and oil slots.

Among the remaining disputes was the suitability of Sunni candidates with ties to Saddam's Baath Party. Sunni factions had been promised six ministers and one deputy prime minister, but walked away with just four relatively insignificant portfolios — including tourism.

Nearly a third of the 275-member National Assembly stayed away from Thursday's vote, underscoring the myriad ethnic and religious divides that have hampered



KHALID MOHAMMED/REUTERS

The new government signaled a comeback for onetime U.S. favorite Ahmad Chalabi, named acting oil minister.

the formation of a government since landmark parliamentary elections on Jan. 30. ALEXANDRA ZAVIS (AP)

#### MEET THE CABINET

Among the officials approved for Iraqi government slots Thursday:

→ **Ibrahim al-Jaafari:** Prime minister, acting defense minister. Senior Shiite politician; educated as a physician.

→ **Hoshiyar Zebari:** Foreign minister. Belongs to a powerful Kurdish tribe in northwest Iraq.

→ **Bayan Jabr:** Interior minister. Was a Shiite activist and former member of the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

→ **Ali Abdel-Amir Allawi:** Finance minister. A wealthy businessman, he is a cousin of outgoing interim PM Ayad Allawi.

**Memo woes:** Britain's Tony Blair released a memo Thursday from his legal adviser that raised questions about the legality of the Iraq invasion. | **Today's Post, A Section**

#### SWITZERLAND | TUNNEL VISION



OLIVIER MAIRE/KEYSTONE/AP

**A NEW ROUTE:** Miners wait near Frutigen, Switzerland, on Thursday for the final blast to open the Loetschberg tunnel — a cavernous shaft that burrows under the Swiss Alps and will shave about an hour off travel time for skiers from Germany. The 21-mile creation is the world's longest overland tunnel.



**CALL FOR HELP:** Afghan President Hamid Karzai warned Thursday that without sustained assistance from the U.S. and other countries, Afghanistan would likely slide back into the kind of anarchy that allowed it to become a haven for al Qaeda. "To avoid facing the same thing again, we need long-term assistance ...," he said in a speech in Kabul, the capital. (AP)

## Abbas Vows 'Iron Fist' Against Militant Strikes

### Palestinian leader says violations of truce with Israel won't be tolerated

JERUSALEM | In his toughest warning to militants, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas on Thursday threatened to strike with an "iron fist" anyone who violates a truce with Israel and pledged quiet during Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements this summer.

Abbas has been under pressure from Israel and the United States to crack down on militants, who had a relatively free hand under Abbas' predecessor, the late Yasser Arafat. Abbas has preferred to negotiate with the militants, who are viewed as heroes by many Palestinians.

Most of the militant groups have agreed to a truce with Israel, declared in February. While vio-

lence has dropped sharply, militants have fired salvos of rockets and homemade missiles at Jewish settlements in Gaza in recent weeks as part of an effort to prove they are driving Israel out under fire.

Militants fired an anti-tank missile at a Gaza settlement on Thursday and attacked army posts with gunfire and a mortar shell, causing no injuries, the army said.



Abbas

In a speech to Palestinian police, Abbas said such violence cannot be tolerated. "Whoever wants to sabotage (the truce) with rocket fire or shooting must be stopped by us, even if that requires using force," Abbas said, according to a report published Thursday by the Palestinian government news agency WAFA. (AP)



## World

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The maximum charge for drivers entering Stockholm, Sweden, under a congestion tax the officials decided Thursday to test for six months next year. The toll varies by time of day and is designed to alleviate traffic and stem pollution.

# Putin Cautions Iran, Defends Syria

## On historic Israel trip, Russian warns Tehran on nuclear ambitions

JERUSALEM | On the first visit by a Kremlin leader to Israel, Russia's Vladimir Putin soothed his hosts Thursday by aiming sharp words at Iran over its nuclear program, but he sparred with his Israeli counterpart on a Syrian missile deal that Israelis see as a threat.

Making a trip meant to cement

relations after decades of Soviet-era discord, the Russian president said his country and Israel are linked by the Holocaust and the deaths of millions of Soviet citizens in World War II.

Putin scored points with Israeli leaders by warning Iran's government not to seek nuclear weapons.

"Our Iranian partners must give



Putin

up development of nuclear cycle technology," he said, referring to enriched uranium that can be used in weapons, "and must not hinder putting all their nuclear programs under complete international control."

The statement by Putin, whose country is building a nuclear-powered electricity plant in Iran, was perhaps his strongest call for the Tehran government to convince the world that it does not want atomic weapons.

But Putin, who said in February he was certain Iran was not trying

to build nuclear arms, stressed that Russia's cooperation with Iran was for purely peaceful purposes.

Putin defended Russia's agreement to sell anti-aircraft missiles to Syria, a deal with another longtime foe of Israel that has clouded his historic visit. He said the missiles could not be converted to portable use by terrorists without authorities being aware, and he repeated earlier assurances that the short-range missiles are no threat to Israeli territory. STEVE GUTTERMAN (AP)

## IRAN THREATENS TO RESUME URANIUM WORK

Iran said Thursday it could resume its uranium enrichment program if talks with European nations this week fail.

The comments put pressure on European negotiators before Iran's talks in London on Friday with political leaders from France, Germany and Britain.

The three nations have been negotiating with Iran, seeking guarantees that it won't use its nuclear program to make weapons, as the U.S. suspects. Tehran insists the program is for peaceful energy purposes. (AP)

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## World



**DOG DAYS (OFF):** Dog owners in Britain have taken 2.7 million days off work to care for their sick pets over the last two years, Reuters reported, citing a new survey for Direct Line Pet Insurance. Fifty-five percent admitted that they paid more attention to sick pets than to an ill partner.

# Military Cracks Down on Togo Riots

22 dead, thousands displaced in street clashes

LOME, TOGO | Soldiers beat people with clubs and steel cords Thursday as security forces quelled two days of rioting by opposition supporters angry that the son of the country's late dictator was elected president.

Riots and clashes between demonstrators and troops have left at least 22 dead nationwide since Tuesday. U.N. officials said thousands of Togolese have fled across borders since strife broke out — the latest in years of refugee movements that have added to instability in West Africa.

The rioting began Tuesday after the announcement that Faure Gnassingbe, son of former dictator Gnassingbe Eyadama, had won weekend presidential elections. Bob Akitani, the main opposition can-

didate, declared himself president on Wednesday, claiming the opposition's own ballot counting had put him ahead of Gnassingbe. He urged his followers to continue to fight the government.

By Thursday, the mobs of machete-wielding demonstrators had disappeared from Lome's opposition neighborhood of Be, scene of the heaviest clashes, while Lome's downtown streets slowly came back to life.

Some shops had opened by late afternoon, but much of the capital remained shuttered and soldiers were visible everywhere.

But in Be, soldiers beat residents and forced them to dismantle crude roadblocks — symbols remaining from the days of unrest.

BRYAN MEALER (AP)



**FORCED ORDER:** Soldiers round up civilians to clear debris Tuesday after days of clashes between security forces and opposition supporters, in Togo's capital, Lome.

## Expert: Birds May Be to Blame for Exploding Toads

BERLIN | What's making toads puff up and explode in northern Europe? More than 1,000 toad corpses have been found at a pond in Hamburg and over the border in Denmark after bloating and bursting.

One German scientist studying the splattered amphibian remains has a theory: Hungry crows are pecking out their livers.

Based on the wounds, Berlin veterinarian Frank Mutschmann said, it appears that a bird pecks into the toad with its beak between the amphibian's chest and abdominal cavity, and the toad puffs itself up as a natural defense mechanism.

But, because the liver is missing and there's a hole in the toad's body, the blood vessels and lungs burst and the other organs ooze out, he said. (AP)

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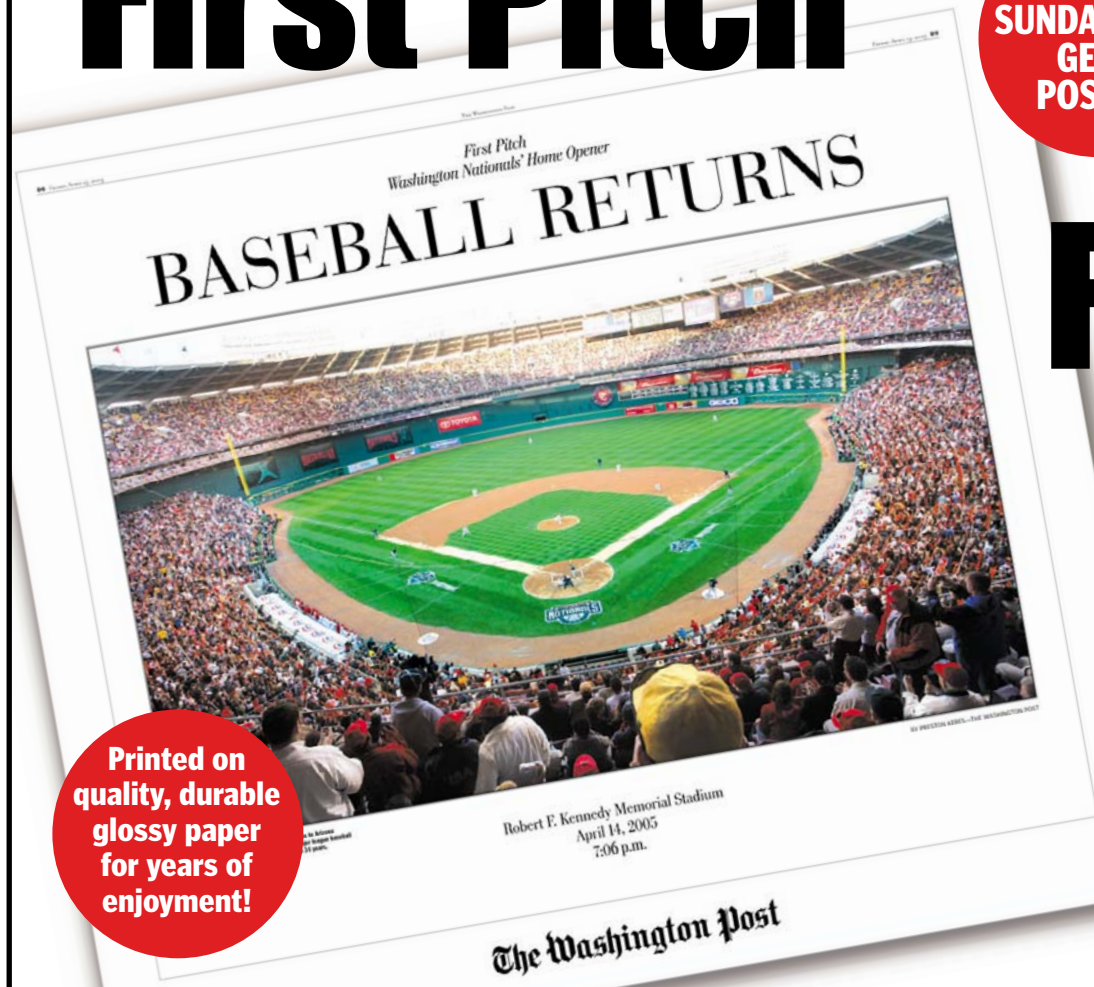
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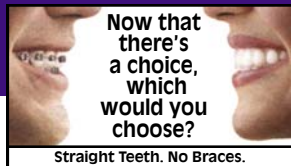
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# Money

## Economic Growth Slows

### U.S. economy makes weakest gains in 2 years, government says

WASHINGTON | Buffeted by rising energy prices and weakened consumer and business spending, the U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of just 3.1 percent in the first quarter. It was the slowest pace of expansion in two years, offering fresh evidence that the economy has hit another "soft patch."

The latest reading on gross domestic product, released by

the Commerce Department on Thursday, showed that consumers and businesses turned cautious in their spending in the January-to-March quarter, a key factor in the slower economic growth. High energy prices and rising borrowing costs are causing Americans to tighten their belts a bit.

The first-quarter's GDP figure, down from a 3.8 percent pace logged in the final quarter of 2004, represents the economy's most sluggish showing since the first quarter of 2003, when economic activity expanded at an even more medio-

cre 1.9 percent rate.

GDP, the broadest barometer of the economy's health, measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States.

In a second report Thursday, the number of new people signing up for unemployment benefits rose last week as businesses coped with rising costs. New claims rose by 21,000 to 320,000, the Labor Department said.

The newest snapshot of the economy is likely to disappoint economists. They had been forecasting a 3.5 percent growth rate for the first quarter. JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)

### Crude Oil Prices Rebound After \$1 Per Barrel Decline

NEW YORK | Oil prices rebounded after dropping more than \$1 a barrel Thursday as growing crude supplies and signs of slower economic growth led traders to test the \$50 mark.

Light, sweet crude for the June contract rose 16 cents to settle at \$51.77 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after falling as low as \$49.80 earlier in the day. On Wednesday, oil prices fell \$2.59 to \$51.61. (AP)

### ChoicePoint CEO Refuses To Discuss Theft of Data

NEW YORK | ChoicePoint CEO Derek Smith refused to answer questions on Thursday about the security breach that allowed criminals to access the data company's database, telling shareholders at the company's annual meeting that the matter was the subject of pending litigation.

"As we have previously disclosed, the company is continuing to investigate the recent fraudulent data

access and other matters," Smith told about a dozen shareholders at the meeting at a New York hotel.

The company announced in February that the personal information of 145,000 Americans may have been compromised when thieves posing as legitimate small business customers gained access to its database. Authorities say at least 750 people were defrauded in the scam. KAREN MATTHEWS (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AaronRA s	19.75	+2.85	+16.9
AaronR s	21.80	+2.78	+14.6
Nautilus	25.11	+2.41	+10.6
Octel	17.73	+1.49	+9.2
PlatUnd	28.75	+2.18	+8.2

#### Losers

OrientFn	14.66	-6.99	-32.3
Ralcorp	37.63	-10.12	-21.2
JonesLL	36.90	-9.66	-20.7
BrshEMat	13.61	-3.29	-19.5
MolsCoorsA	65.00	-15.00	-18.8

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
DCAP Gp n	6.25	+1.17	+23.0
ResCare	13.84	+1.88	+15.7
AnikaTh	14.46	+1.89	+15.0
MultimGm	7.55	+.84	+12.5
Plexus	11.72	+1.30	+12.5

#### Losers

Martek	32.49	-27.59	-45.9
InPhonic n	15.40	-5.56	-26.5
724 Sol	9.65	-2.65	-21.5
Kronos	38.81	-10.36	-21.1
CompXtch	3.59	-.87	-19.5

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.75	5.75
Fed Funds close	2.875	2.75
3-month	2.81	2.82
2-year	3.56	3.62
10-year	4.15	4.30
30-year	4.48	4.64

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5245	.5247	.5640
Canadian Dollar	1.2521	1.2498	1.3695
European Euro	.7755	.7729	.8452
Japanese Yen	105.99	105.72	109.94
Mexican Peso	11.1420	11.0900	11.3070
Taiwanese Dollar	31.41	31.43	33.08

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-128.43	-26.25	-13.16
-1.26	-1.36	-1.14
10070.37	1904.18	1143.22

### Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	70.59	+.27	-12.9
AstraZen	43.60	-.11	+19.8
BarrPhm	51.40	-.37	+12.9
BrMySq	25.70	-.06	+.3
ForestLab	35.05	-.46	-21.9
Hospira	32.97	-1.33	-1.6
IvaxCp s	18.91	+1.36	+19.5
JohnJn	67.66	-.67	+6.7
LillyEli	58.00	-.23	+2.2
Merck	33.79	+.30	+5.1
MylanLab	16.53	...	-6.5
Pfizer	26.69	-.23	-.7
SchergPl	20.47	-.08	-2.0
Sepracor	60.63	-.37	+2.1
Wyeth	43.80	-.31	+2.8

**POP QUIZ:** A surprise inspection at the National Zoo uncovered no problems, according to a report filed by the Agriculture Department regarding the April 6 visit, which focused on the care of elephants and other animals. Four checks were made last year.



## Local

## No Breath Of Fresh Air in D.C.

Report cites pollution in giving the region's air a failing grade

WASHINGTON | Air quality in the Washington region gets an F — for filthy.

In its State of the Air report released Thursday, the American Lung Association said nearly eight million people in the area breathe dangerously high levels of pollution — mostly from diesel trucks, buses and cars.

For the Lung Association, cleaner air goes beyond just an environmental issue.

It reports 168,000 children and 470,000 adults in the area suffer from asthma.

Those with bronchitis, emphysema and diabetes also face health risks from higher levels of particulate pollution.

HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)



Mfume is fighting off accusations of giving preferential treatment to a female friend.

## Mfume: Leak Part of Smear Campaign

BALTIMORE | Former NAACP President Kweisi Mfume on Thursday said someone is trying to hurt his candidacy for the U.S. Senate by leaking an internal memo outlining claims that he gave preferential treatment to a woman with whom he had a personal relationship while he led the civil rights organization.

"I don't know where it came from," Mfume told The Associated Press. "It clearly came from someone

trying to throw dirt on me, destroy my reputation and put an early end to my campaign. If that was their intention, then they've failed."

Some political analysts said the allegations surrounding Mfume's tenure at the NAACP could make an already uphill battle for the Democratic primary even tougher. Mfume faces stiff opposition from U.S. Rep. Benjamin Cardin, who is in his 10th term and who announced his Senate candidacy Tuesday. (AP)

## Lawyer: Race at Root of Md. Arson

Suspect pleads guilty to conspiracy charge in development blaze

GREENBELT, MD. | One of five men charged in an arson spree at a suburban Washington housing development pleaded guilty Thursday to taking part in what prosecutors said was a crime aimed at black families moving into the neighborhood.

Jeremy D. Parady, 21, of Accokeek, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit arson at a arraignment in U.S. District Court.

Parady took part in the crime because "he knew or perceived that many of the purchasers of the houses in that development were African-American," Assistant U.S. Attorney Donna Sanger said in court, reading from a plea agreement.

Prosecutors plan to seek a sentence of nearly 10 years in prison and restitution of \$4.18 million

when Parady is sentenced June 14. The offense carries a minimum prison sentence of five years and a maximum sentence of 20 years.

Six men were originally accused of setting the fires at the Hunters Brooke development in Indian Head that caused \$10 million in damage. Five were later indicted on multiple counts of arson, conspiracy to commit arson and aiding and abetting charges. A criminal complaint against the sixth, Michael Gilbert, was dropped earlier this month.

None of the defendants has been charged with hate crimes, but prosecutors have hinted in court filings that race was a possible motive. Many of the residents who planned to move in to Hunters Brooke were black, while all the suspects are white.

STEPHEN MANNING (AP)

**D.C. arsonist:** Thomas Sweatt has said he set fires to relieve severe bouts of stress | **Today's Post, Metro**

## DNA Solves Old Sexual Assault Case

VIRGINIA | Fifteen years after a woman was sexually assaulted, Fairfax County investigators have made an arrest.

They credit DNA evidence with leading them to Eliseo Rodriguez, 49, of Annandale. Rodriguez

allegedly grabbed a woman on the afternoon of Dec. 17, 1990, as she walked in the Lincolnia section of the county. Police said the victim was dragged into the woods and attacked. The DNA was found at the scene. (AP)

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Evening Lucky Numbers	4-3-7
Mid-day DC 4	7-0-2-8
Evening DC 4	7-5-0-3
Quick Cash	9-34-16-32-6-31
Hot Five	5-31-26-33-27
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	6-8-21-25-31 (10)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	1-4-9
Evening Pick 3	9-9-4
Mid-day Pick 4	3-2-2-3
Evening Pick 4	7-3-4-6

Match 5 **21-27-30-35-37 Bonus: 34**  
Lotto (Wed.) **9-17-25-31-36-48**

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	4-1-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-0-7
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	9-2-6-7
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	9-2-1-4
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	5-7-18-20-32
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	3-12-17-18-31
Lotto South (Wed.)	4-7-18-24-46-47

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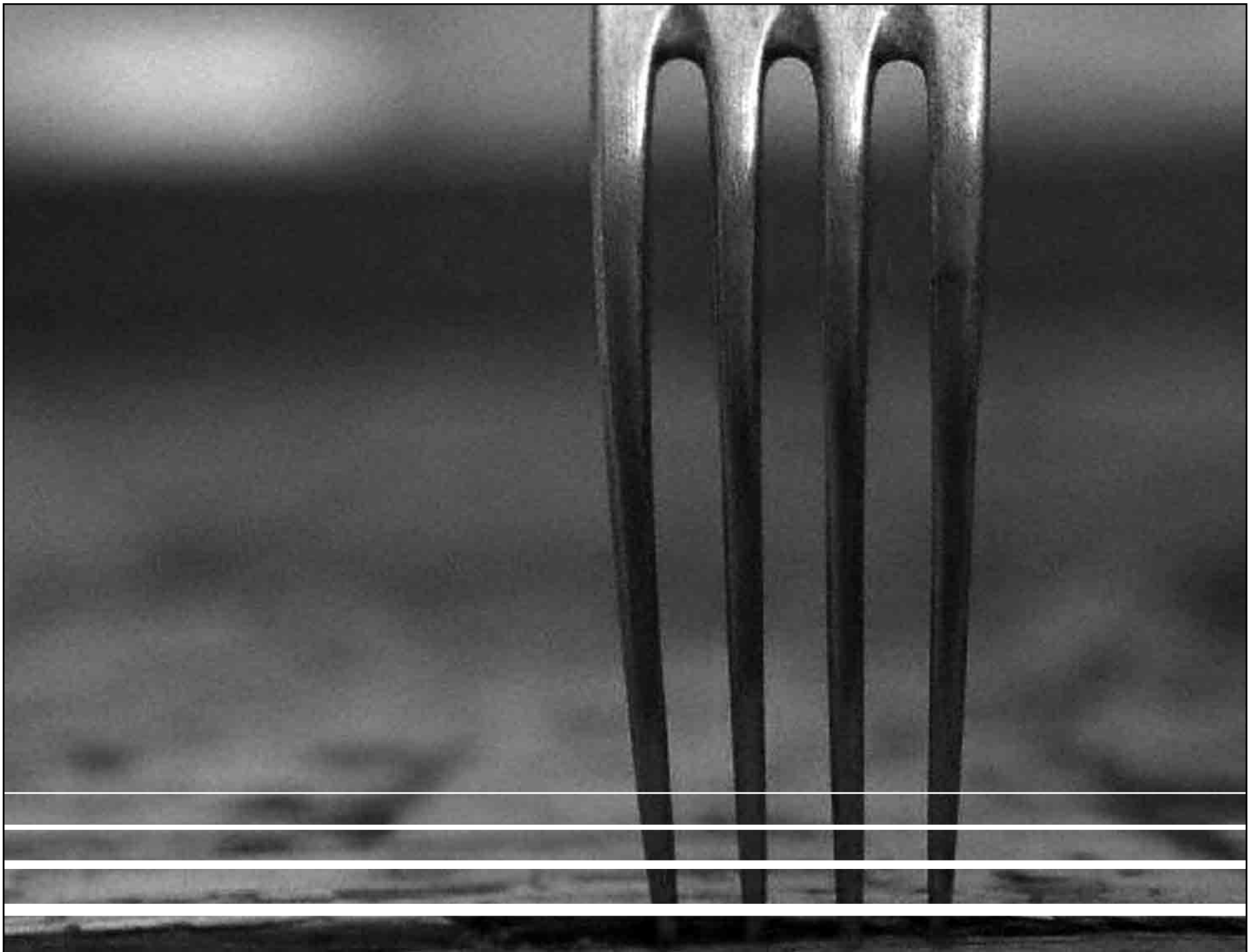
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# Sports Weekend



**BLAST OFF:** The Nationals' Brad Wilkerson became the first player in 34 years to hit a homer to the upper deck of RFK on Wednesday and is among the NL hitting leaders.

## Down the Middle

One month into first year in D.C., the Nats are holding their own

**NATIONALS** | There have been game-winning home runs and costly errors. Brilliant pitching performances and frustrating ones. They've had a five-game winning streak and endured one stretch where they lost six out of eight.

But to the Nationals, there's only one thing that matters after the first month of Washington's first baseball season in 34 years.

"We're still right in the middle

of things," said Manager Frank Robinson. "It's a good start and the main thing about it is that nobody else has gotten off to a great start."

After playing its first nine games on the road and nearly all of its games against National League East opponents (they also swept Arizona), Washington (11-11), is only two games out of first place in a division many consider the most competitive in the league.

"You played your division and you're still hanging in there so you got to feel good about that," said hitting coach Tom McCraw.

While the starting pitching can be

**APRIL BLOOMERS**  
It's early, but some Nationals are emerging as stars in D.C.:

- Nick Johnson has a 16-game hitting streak.
- John Patterson has a .98 ERA.
- Brad Wilkerson and Vinny Castilla are in the top 10 in hitting.
- Jose Guillen is tied for third in the NL in home runs with 5.

more consistent and the offense must be more productive early in games — only 14 of the Nationals 91 runs this season have come in the first three innings — several Nationals have enjoyed early success.

Vinny Castilla and Brad

Wilkerson are in the top 10 in hitting. At 16 games, Nick Johnson has the longest hitting streak in the majors. John Patterson has an ERA under 1.00 and Jose Guillen is near the top of the league in home runs.

"We've had our ups and downs, but we're looking good," said Guillen, who along with Wilkerson, is in the top 10 in total bases. "We just need to match that combination of pitching and hitting and get a good streak going."

So while the enthusiasm of baseball's first season in Washington has been great, "it won't mean a thing unless we win the East," said pitcher Joey Eischen. GARY KARTON

### TV Lineup

→ **BULLISH:** Down two games to none to the Chicago Bulls, the Washington Wizards host the first NBA playoff game in D.C. in more than 50 years on Saturday (3 p.m. on TNT and Comcast) in a game the Wizards need to win.

→ **ROAD RULES:** The Nextel Cup is in Talladega, Ala., for the Aaron's 499 on Sunday (12:30 p.m. on FOX).

→ **MEET THE METS — AGAIN:** For the second straight weekend, the Washington Nationals face Carlos Beltran and the N.Y. Mets. This time, the games are at RFK Stadium and run through Friday (7 p.m. on UPN20), Saturday (7 p.m. on UPN20) and Sunday (8 p.m. on ESPN).



The Nationals will have to figure a way to get Carlos Beltran out this weekend.

→ **THE BOOT:** D.C. United looks to snap its winless streak with a game against the Kansas City Wizards Saturday (4 p.m. on ESPN2) in a rematch of last year's MLS Cup.

→ **CATCHING SOME RAYS:** The high-flying Baltimore Orioles start their three-game set against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Friday night (7:30 p.m. on Comcast).

→ **TEE TIME:** Can Vijay win his second straight tournament while trying to repeat as champion of the Zurich Classic in New Orleans, which ends on Sunday (3 p.m. on CBS)?

→ **PRIZE FIGHT:** Champion John Ruiz takes on James Toney for the WBA/IBA heavyweight title on Saturday (10 p.m. on HBO) in New York.

**WORK | Tao of Yao** It's official: Houston Rockets center Yao Ming is a "model worker." Communist China's cabinet, the State Council, awarded the honor to Yao and Olympic gold medal hurdler Liu Xiang. The model worker nominations of Yao and Liu, a gold medal-



ist in the men's 110-meter hurdles at Athens, sparked criticism among some Chinese who argued the award was meant to honor ordinary workers. Yao described the honor as "one more honor and encouragement from society," Xinhua News Agency reported. (AP)



# Telfair's Jump Shot

Documentary follows rookie's decision to go pro after high school

NBA | Sebastian Telfair was at Jay-Z's Manhattan nightclub with his family, watching TV and waiting for the announcement from the Madison Square Garden podium that would send him across the country and change his life.

The Brooklyn point guard with a dazzling mix of smarts and skills was selected by the Portland Trail Blazers with the 13th pick in last year's NBA draft.

That moment is captured by director Jonathan Hock in "Through the Fire." The documentary made its world premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival — a mere subway ride away from the Coney Island housing project where Telfair grew up



Telfair sits in a locker room in Greece while visiting his brother during the film.

— and chronicles the soul-searching of one of the most publicized high school players to come out of New York.

"He's a basketball prodigy," said Hock about the 6-foot Telfair, the fourth high schooler drafted that year. "They've been talking about him since the sixth grade."

Hock originally planned a short piece about high school players

heading directly to the NBA for HBO. What he found was a more compelling story.

"Clearly someone was going to be next, and it was going to be very interesting to watch it happen," Hock said. "And nobody really thought that it would happen for him because he's small, but everyone was kind of rooting for him."

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

## Swengali

WIZARDS | BY MATT SWENSON

### Wiz Hope for Home Cooking

**SOME FANS MAY BE** upset about how the Wizards have fared so far against the Bulls. No matter how you look at it, losing two straight games to start a seven-game series isn't good.

But there is a bright side.

By falling behind 2-0 the Wizards have made sure that when they win their first game in the series — and they will not be swept — it will be in front of the home crowd. What better place to earn the franchise's first playoff win since 1988 than in D.C.?

It will also be the first post-season victory for the Wizards and not the Bullets. Oh, for the days of Bernard King.

Believe it or not, Saturday's contest will be the first NBA playoff game held in the nation's capital. Remember, Les Boulez played at the Capital Center/ U.S. Air Arena in Landover, Md.

The MCI Center will be the place to be Saturday, and here's betting the Wizards will give the home fans a show worth paying the minimum \$45 for.

Sure, Chicago has looked far better so far. But Washington's been much stronger at home than on the road this season, and the Bulls aren't nearly as good as they've been showing.

So far, only one of the "big three" has scored more than 20 points in each game — Larry Hughes in Game 1 and Gilbert Arenas in Game 2. It's only a matter of time before they and Antawn Jamison all get hot at the same time.

And there's no time like the present. Otherwise, the Wizards will be where they normally are at this time of the year: on a golf course and still not playing any defense.

Matt Swenson, a lifelong Washingtonian, is the sports editor of Express.

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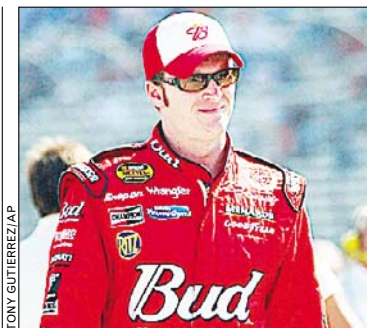
## Junior Shakes Off a Slow Start

Earnhardt edges close to top 10 following a string of solid finishes

AUTO RACING | Don't start icing down the champagne quite yet, but Dale Earnhardt Jr. is showing signs of being a real contender after a slow start to the 2005 season.

Junior started off 2005 with a second-place finish in the Daytona 500, but then slipped as far back in the points as 27th with a string of three races in which he failed to finish better than 24th.

Earnhardt has since rebounded though, with finishes of fourth, 13th, ninth and, last Saturday night in Phoenix, fourth. Heading into Aaron's 499 NASCAR Nextel Cup race Sunday, Earnhardt has climbed all the way back to 12th in the standings.



Earnhardt looks to maintain momentum at the Aaron's 499 in Talladega, Ala.

But Earnhardt's recent success is no surprise to teammate Michael Waltrip, who was sure both teams would prosper from the crew swap made in the offseason.

"The boys that work on the No. 8 car are smart, talented individuals," Waltrip said. "I knew that when you put Dale Jr. with them, they would have success." MIKE HARRIS (AP)



# Defenseless Wizards

Down 2-0 in playoffs, Washington must find a way to stop Chicago

**WIZARDS** | In the first playoff game, Chicago Bulls fans chanted "No-ci-on-i!"

In Game 2, it was "Hin-rich!"

In both games, the United Center resonated to the thunderous call of "deee-fense!"

That makes three things the Bulls have that the Washington Wizards don't.

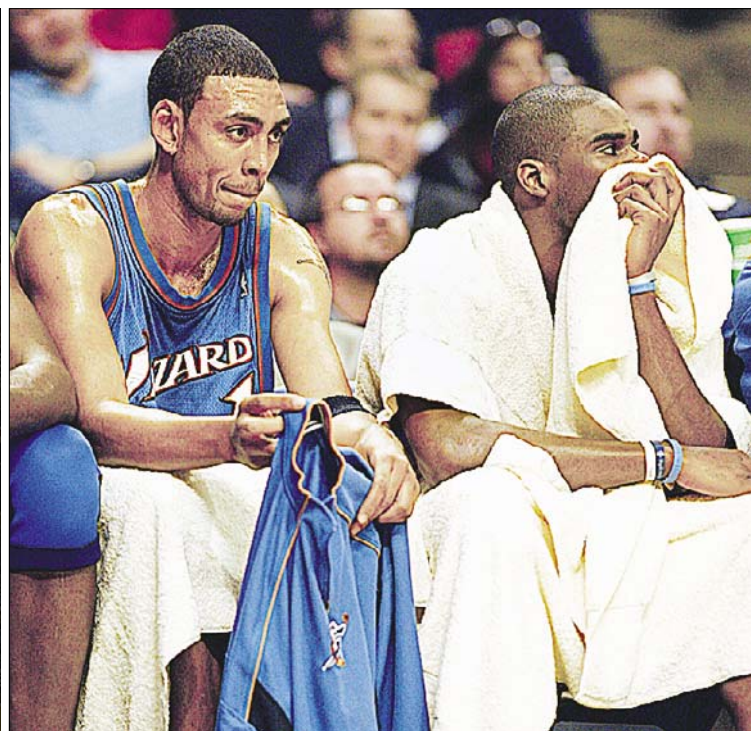
Still struggling with the basic concept of team defense, the Wizards' 17-year drought without a playoff victory is well intact after back-to-back losses in Chicago in which the Bulls morphed into an offensive machine. Give Kirk Hinrich some space for open jumpers? Leave space for Andres Nocioni, Ben Gordon and Antonio Davis and Co., to drive the lane?

No wonder the Bulls have a 2-0 lead in the first-round, best-of-seven series, having scored 13.5 points per game more than their season average.

"We'll have to rework what we did last game," said guard Larry Hughes, one of the Wizards' few defensive-minded players. "We're just not running guys off open shots."



**CAUSE AND EFFECT:** By allowing Kirk Hinrich, left, to get free enough to score 34 points, the Washington Wizards left Chicago with a 2-0 deficit on Wednesday, losses echoed in the depressed expressions of Jared Jeffries and Antawn Jamison, right.



The Wizards returned to Washington on Thursday to devise a plan for Saturday's Game 3, but they might have trouble finding a place to start. Chicago is getting points from everywhere, including role players such as Jannero Pargo, Adrian Griffin and Eric Piatkowski.

"We're just going to take what you give us," said Davis, whose 18 points in Wednesday's 113-103 victory was more than double his season average. "That's how we played it all year. Not to say that it's an excellent tactic, it's just what works for us."

The energy surrounding

Washington's first home playoff game in eight years — and first ever at the MCI Center — should provide a natural boost this weekend, but the team also has to ditch the mindset that it can win in the postseason simply by having the Big Three — Hughes, Gilbert Arenas and Antawn Jamison — take lots

## KEYS TO VICTORY

Down two games, the Wizards need to alter their strategy before Saturday's game with the Bulls:

- **PASS THE ROCK:** The Wizards are averaging seven fewer assists a game than the Bulls.
- **CONTAIN KIRK:** Larry Hughes needs to shadow Kirk Hinrich at all times.
- **GO INSIDE:** Brendan Haywood needs to take advantage of the Bulls' smaller frontcourt.
- **PERIMETER D:** Defensive rotations along the three-point line must get quicker.

of shots.

"I think it's tough for a team to play one way for an 82-game schedule, consistently, and then you go ahead and try to change everything for the playoffs," Chicago guard Piatkowski said. "That's going to be very, very tough."

In essence, the Wizards' defense has always run on the adrenaline created by its exciting, high-paced offense. When the Big Three are making baskets, the desire to defend goes up. It happened in the first quarter Wednesday night, when the Wizards took an early 13-point lead behind a strong first quarter from Arenas.

"I thought we were pretty good in the first quarter; we didn't sustain it," Wizards coach Eddie Jordan said. "I think we played the best defense you could see — from us, anyway. ... let's try for 48 minutes."

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



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# United Limps Into Rematch

Defending champions try to snap slump vs. last year's runner-up

**UNITED** | Riddled with injuries and suffering through a five-game winless streak, D.C. United plays Kansas City on Saturday afternoon in yet another match featuring a backstory that puts a little more pressure on the beleaguered defending champs.

This time, United (1-2-1 in MLS) faces a talented Wizards team bent on reversing the result of last year's MLS Cup final. The contest will be nationally televised and take place in a stadium (Arrowhead) where D.C. has lost eight of 11 games.

Leave it to forward Santino Quaranta, for whom just about everything has gone wrong the past three years, to find the positive.

"I think these are fun challenges," he said. "To stay at the top of the mountain is tough."

Quaranta, who scored his



D.C. United forward Santino Quaranta, right, is finally healthy after battling various injuries the past two years and is eager to show the club that he can perform.

first MLS goal in more than two years with a clever redirection in last Saturday's 4-3 loss to New England, has missed most of the past three seasons with a variety of knee and groin problems. He is likely to earn his second start of the season against the Wizards (1-1-1) thanks to Alecko Eskandarian's thigh injury.

Quaranta, 20, said he owed it to his club to produce. "Just last year I had five surgeries on my groin," he said. "But these guys in the locker room stayed faithful. I want to reward them with my play."

Defender Brandon Prideaux (hamstring) should play for the first time since the season opener, but the back line remains thin with David Stokes recovering from a concussion. United even brought in Carlos Llamasa, who played in D.C. from 1997 through 2000, to try out this week. A spot is open in midfield as well, perhaps for Freddy Adu, due to Steve Gupp's hamstring injury. **BRIAN STRAUS**



DiMarco and his elevated profile take part in the Zurich Classic this weekend.

## DiMarco Gets His Masters

**GOLF** | It's amazing how much confidence a second-place finish gave Chris DiMarco.

Of course, the result was at the Masters, where he went head-to-head with Tiger Woods for the green jacket before losing in a sudden-death playoff.

"To beat the field by seven shots at that tournament. It just was awesome to be able to go perform like that," said DiMarco, playing for the first time since Augusta in this week's Zurich Classic. "I feel like I really kind of elevated my game and hopefully moved to a new level."

DiMarco believes the Masters will change his game for the better. He knows it's changed his life.

"I used to be able to go into Target, I used to be able to go to the grocery store, I used to be able to go to the bowling alley, and kind of have my anonymity," DiMarco said. "It's not quite there anymore."

MARY FOSTER (AP)



Brian Roberts' hot bat is setting the tone for the first-place Orioles.

## Roberts Uses Second Chance

Infielder comes out of nowhere to lead the O's powerful offense

**ORIOLES** | The February trade that brought Sammy Sosa to Baltimore gave the Orioles a potent slugger who leads the team in home runs.

His name is Brian Roberts.

When the Orioles sent Jerry Hairston and two minor leaguers to the Chicago Cubs for Sosa,

they acquired a cleanup hitter with 574 career homers, including 66 in 1998. The trade also ended a long-time duel between Roberts and Hairston, who had competed for the starting job at second base for four consecutive seasons.

With the job to himself, Roberts ranks in the top 10 in nine key offensive categories, including batting average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage, triples and steals. He also had 7 home runs in his first

21 games, a pace that would enable the 5-foot-9, 178-pounder to eclipse Sosa's best season.

The 27-year-old Roberts, whose previous career high in homers was five, dismisses his surprising power surge as a "fluke," and laughs at the suggestion that he will finish with more than 20 home runs. But he expects to continue to drive the ball with authority, thanks to the experience he's gained since his rookie season in 2001. **DAVID GINSBURG (AP)**

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## A Tour of the Planets

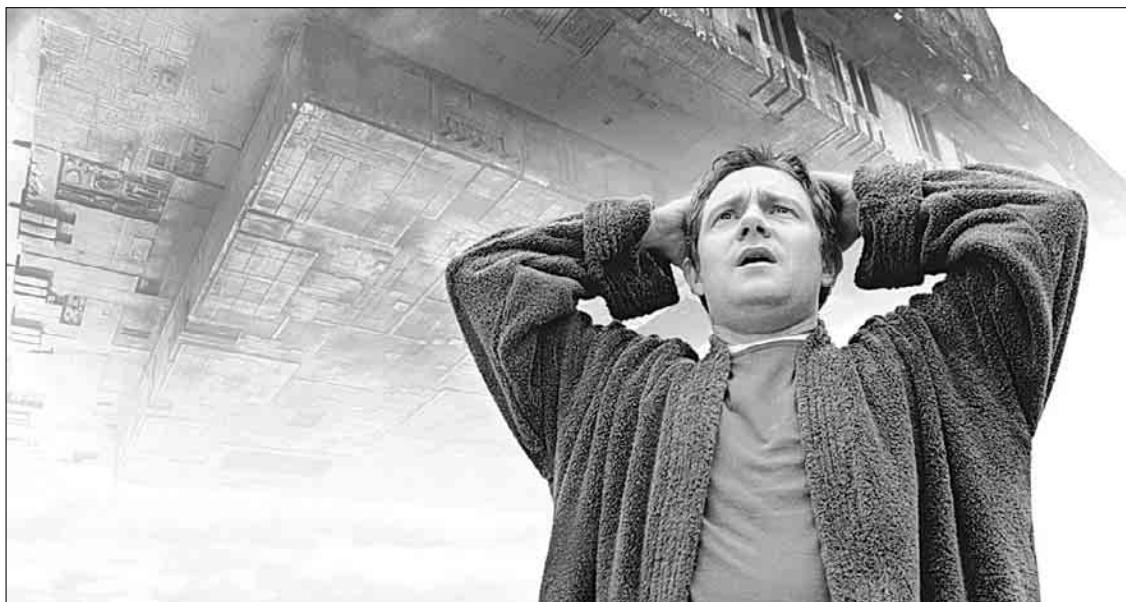
### 'Hitchhiker's Guide' is an overstuffed universe of quirks

**FILM** | Surely "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" would seem sufficiently well-known and have a large enough cult following for its various incarnations that comparing it to something else — another book, another TV series, another movie, whatever — would be pointless. You know it or you don't. You love it or you don't.

Despite its quick, quirky opening and dry British wit, after a while "Hitchhiker's Guide" feels like an onslaught. There is simply too much stuff — too many aliens, too many gadgets, too many elaborately absurd set pieces — all at the expense of character development and plot.

The script sporadically flirts with genius. The guide is explained in understated fashion by narrator Stephen Fry. Alan Rickman, meanwhile, provides the ideally droll voice of Marvin the Paranoid Android.

Most everything else, though,



**IF IT'S TUESDAY, THIS MUST BE ALPHA CENTAURI:** Martin Freeman stars as British everyman Arthur Dent. Dent's jaunt through the neuroses of various characters has charmed readers of a mystical bent in various incarnations for many years.

feels aimless and a little empty as the characters meander from one section of the galaxy to the next, their adventures punctuated by an overly jaunty score.

We don't know that much about everyman hero Arthur Dent (Martin Freeman) or Tricia McMillan (Zoë Deschanel),

the American girl he adores. Who they are doesn't seem to matter as much as the places they inhabit, which are invariably over-the-top in detail.

Mos Def has a goofy likability as Arthur's friend, Ford Prefect, who informs Martin that he's an alien just minutes before the globe

is about to explode. And Bill Nighy, who stands out in every film he's in with his craggy face and world-weary presence, plays a planetary construction engineer who offers such meaningful nuggets as, "I'd much rather be happy than right any day." Good point. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

TOUCHSTONE PICTURES

### Got Plans?

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#### Can you help me find some good wine tastings?

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#### What's new at the zoo? And how can I enjoy the place if it's raining?

If it's rainy, head inside the elephant house, ape house or check out Amazonia. The best new thing at the zoo are the cheetah cubs. They're on view from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily (the second litter of cheetah cubs is not on view yet).

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Pygmy marmosets and other Ape House denizens are fun on a rainy day.

#### With the weather getting nice, do you know of any beer gardens?

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## 'XXX': It Blows Up Good

**FILM** | The sequel to "The Fast and the Furious" proved there is box-office life after Vin Diesel. The sequel to "Pitch Black" indicated Hollywood might be better off without him when it comes to follow-up films.

Now Ice Cube steps in for "XXX: State of the Union," the next installment in the franchise about a National Security Agency program to recruit the baddest of bad boys for superb assignments.

Those tired of Diesel fumes will find Ice Cube a refreshing proxy. Not that the sequel is anything close to a good movie, but Cube is a more personable presence and better actor than Diesel, while still



**'X' IS FOR SPECIAL FX:** Ice Cube takes over the enormous gun and daredevil world-saving duties in a sequel that does exactly what's expected of it, only louder.

retaining the smoldering stoicism the world has come to expect of its "XXX" operatives.

Samuel L. Jackson's return in a beefed-up role as puppetmaster

of the "XXX" brand and Willem Dafoe's recruitment as a traitor intent on taking over the presidency theoretically gussy up the sequel.

Masked infiltrators come gunning for Augustus Gibbons (Jackson), leaving his underground headquarters a massacre scene. Because of the assailants' super-advanced gadgets, Gibbons concludes the attack came from a faction within his own government.

Enter imprisoned former Special Ops hotshot Darius Stone (Cube), whom Gibbons busts out of jail and sets on the track of hawkish Defense Secretary Deckert (Dafoe) as he conspires against the peacenik president (Peter Strauss).

The new movie is just as preposterously plotted and outrageously combustible as the 2002 original, so action fans will come away with their fire-and-brimstone quotient well sated.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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**WHO'S THE SMART GUY NOW?** Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling, in handcuffs, is one of the unwitting stars of "Enron," a documentary about hubris and greed.

# Greed Is Good

**'Enron' offers an inside look at a culture of arrogance**

**FILM** | With "Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room," writer-director Alex Gibney takes a notorious tale of corporate greed and plays it as Greek tragedy, Texas-style.

The approach reveals him to be one of the smart guys, too. By focusing his documentary on the people behind the Enron scandal — their foibles, follies and moral frailty — Gibney takes a potentially dry, daunting topic and turns it into something eminently compelling.

Working from the book "The Smartest Guys in the Room" by Fortune magazine reporters Bethany McLean and Peter Elkind,

the filmmaker turns his attention to the human and inhumane aspects of Enron Corp.'s 2001 collapse.

Gibney gives us corporate cowboys like Jeff Skilling, Enron's former CEO, who instilled in his employees a Darwinian culture of testosterone and one-upmanship. There are pathetic figures like Lou Pai, an ex-executive who left his wife for a stripper. There are the trader drones who, drunk with power, toyed with California's energy supplies for profit and sport. (And the tape recordings of their phone conversations are stunning: "Burn, baby, burn," one guy laughs as swaths of the state are engulfed in wildfires. "You gotta love the West," says another.)

At the heart of the film, though, are the everyday employees and

investors who trusted the Houston-based energy company with their financial security and were left in ruin, while many Enron honchos walked away with millions.

Gibney tells all their stories through a lively mix of news footage, re-enactments, corporate video, interviews with employees and insider audio recordings.

Were these people just greedy and in over their heads? Were they truly, deeply evil? Or were they, as the title suggests, simply too smart for their own good? It's an impossible question to answer, and Gibney is wise not to try, but he does paint a vivid, tragic, startling portrait of how the best and brightest of American corporate culture can go horribly wrong.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



# The Silver Scream

**Paris Hilton, actress? The celebute talks about her star part**

**UBIQUITY** | If ambition were an Olympic sport, Paris Hilton would win a gold medal. The blond heir-ess has emerged from the vast pool of Hollywood wannabes to become a bona fide celebrity.

In addition to her infamous video tapes, Hilton is also the co-star of "The Simple Life" on Fox TV, now in its third season, and now she's invading your local movie theater, starring in the remake of the 1953 horror classic, "The House of Wax." She talked about this and other projects.

**Did you enjoy making "House of Wax"? Was it harder than you expected?**

It was pretty brutal, but it's a Joel Silver film and it's a really cool concept and a great cast and an amazing director. So it was worth all of the running around in the forest getting killed.



Hilton screaming in a red bra — just another Saturday night in Manhattan.

**Have you seen the movie?**

I saw it two days ago. I'm glad that I saw it before the premiere because I was literally sitting on the edge of my seat screaming, covering my eyes. I was so grossed out.

**How different are you from your character in the movie?**

Paige is a small town girl. She's sort of like me, but not really. She's more shy and more insecure and she cares so much about [her boyfriend] and she was scared that he wasn't going to marry her and things like

that. I don't think like that.

**Did you socialize with the other cast members?**

Yeah. We went out, like, every night and we had fun. We'd go dancing and go to clubs.

**Did they make a wax figure of you?**

Yeah. I haven't seen it yet but it's pretty cool to be in a wax museum — Madame Tussaud's.

**Is acting a priority now?**

I love it. I've always wanted to be a movie star since I was 2 years old. So this is a dream come true and I love it.

**What are some of your other goals?**

I like doing everything. I also [want to] start a family and have some kids to complete my life. I'd like to do that in two or three years.

**But you've got six movies coming up. When will you have time?**

I know. I'm a machine. ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

## THE TEMPEST

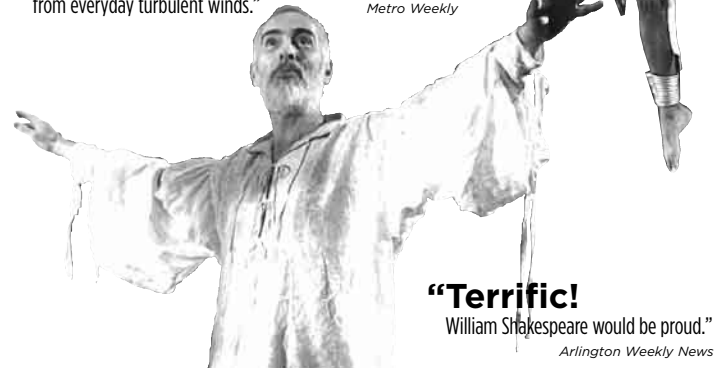
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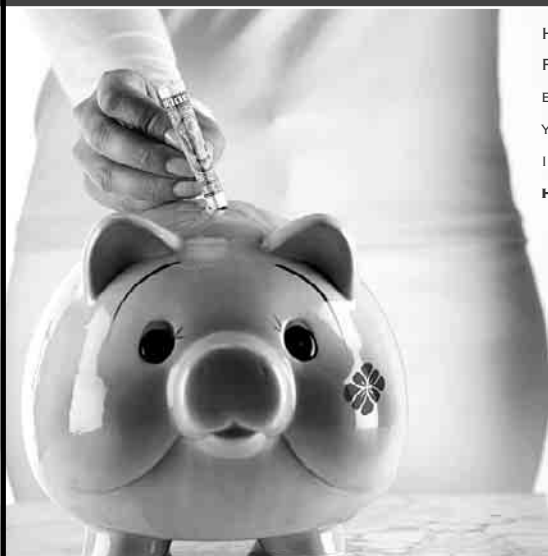
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### FRIDAY

Black Cat hosts an impressive bill headlined by **IVY**, featuring stunning Parisian chanteuse Dominique Durand and Fountains of Wayne everyman Adam Schlesinger. Openers **STARS** play impeccable pop and feature members of Montreal's Broken Social Scene.

After the early, sold-out Fueled by Ramen Tour, 9:30 Club re-opens at 10 p.m. for **PAUL WESTERBERG**, former frontman of infamous '80s booze-rockers the Replacements. Expect a smattering of classics and new tracks from Westerberg's solo career.

Local indie favorites **MONOPOLI** take their polished, atmospheric rock to Arlington's Iota; power-pop newcomers **THE SKETCHES** open.

### SATURDAY

Black Cat goes all-DJ when Girl Friday hosts a rare Saturday party with **DJREKHA** spinning bhangra and hip-hop. Backstage is Razzmatazz, billed as "britpop goes glam" with **DJ REDDAJ** and the **HOLIDAY GIRL**.

DC9 hosts Electrotease, featuring a live performance by **THE PRIDS** and **DJS I2INCH** and **CA\$SIDY** spinning the hottest dance-punk and electro tracks.

Five years have passed since **FLICKERSTICK** won the first season of VH1 reality show "Bands on the Run." The volatile band, at Iota, lost its major-label deal but still plays



Paul Westerberg looks pretty healthy, but his liver might tell a different story.

tight, radio-ready alt-rock.

Local psych-rock heroes **THE APES** come home after a Midwest tour with Q & Not U to Warehouse Next Door for the CD release party of their latest album, "Baba's Mountain."

### SUNDAY

After a 10-year break, indie legends **THE WEDDING PRESENT** bring their jangly rock to Black Cat.

Like other former bubblegum stars, "American Idol" vet **KELLY CLARKSON** — at Constitution Hall with **GRAHAM COLTON BAND** — has been recast as an edgy alt-rocker.

Singer-songwriter **ALANA DAVIS**, at Iota, scored a hit with her 1997 cover of Ani DiFranco's "32 Flavors." She's since been dropped from Elektra, but her latest indie release is just as solid as her previous work.

A founding member of The Irish Tenors, **RONAN TYNAN** brings his impressive vocal range to Lisner Auditorium. **PETER DENTON**



**CLIMBING THE WALLS:** Adam Schlesinger, Dominique Durand and Andy Chase make up the elegantly atmospheric chanson band Ivy, at Black Cat on Friday.

# Entertainment **Weekend**



**THE AMITYVILLE HORROR** (R, 89 minutes) Ostensibly a remake of the 1979 cheese-ball horror classic, it's really more like "Frankenstein" — a little piece of this movie here, a little piece of that movie there. It's as reminiscent of "Amityville" number one as it is of "The Shining," "The Exorcist," "Poltergeist," "Stir of Echoes," "The Sixth Sense," "Hide and Seek," "The Grudge" and a thousand other latter-day fright fests. Not to say it's bad. It is what it is, which is pretty scary, a little bit funny and very, very derivative. (MO)

**APOLLO CINEMAPRESENTS: A PROGRAM OF ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATED SHORTS 2005** (unrated, approximately 100 minutes) These eight films (including Alexander Woo's animated, student Academy Award winner for 2004, "Rex Steele: Nazi Smasher") are good, and some just super. The best animated film, also an Oscar winner, is Chris Landreth's "Ryan," a tour-de-force computer-animated portrait of Ryan Larkin, an influential Canadian animator who lives in poverty after struggling with years of drug and alcohol abuse. And two live-action shorts really stand out: "Wasp," a Mike Leigh-toned drama about a poor single British mother who's determined to jump-start her romantic life; and Taika Waititi and Ainsley Gardiner's stunning "Two Cars, One Night," a New Zealand short featuring three amazing child performers. (DT)

**BE COOL** (PG-13, 105 minutes) This follow-up to 1995's "Get Shorty" finds John Travolta's hustler, Chili Palmer, having made so much dough in pictures that he's now just in it for the giggles. What makes him giggle this time is singer Linda Moon (Christina Milian) whom he decides to make a star. It's — hmmm, less than good, a little better than not bad, almost all right. All the plots are sloppily squished together and unified only by Travolta, oozing charm, gumption and ruthlessness. (SH)

**BEAUTY SHOP** (PG-13, 105 minutes) A spinoff from the popular "Barbershop" films, this is mildly amusing and occasionally laugh-out-loud funny, with much of its humor playing off foolish white folks and gay stereotypes. And booty jokes, of course. Queen Latifah is stylist Gina Norris, who scrapes together the money to buy an aging storefront for her own shop. That's pretty much the plot. This is a story dependent upon the laughs



**MONSTER AS HUMAN BEING:** Bruno Ganz stars in the controversial "Downfall."

generated by those frank-as-all-get-out conversations to be had inside the beauty shop. (JENNIFER FREY)

**DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN** (PG-13, 116 minutes) Based on playwright Tyler Perry's wildly successful stage version of the same inspirational story, "Diary" is three not-very-good movies in one. In the first, Helen (Kimberly Elise), the spurned spouse of a successful lawyer, finds love in the arms of a blue-collar Adonis. The second is a made-for-TV-style crime/courtroom/medical drama.



**HOUSE HORRORS:** A certain address in Amityville has electricity problems.

Movie number three kicks in when Helen seeks shelter and solace in the arms of her grandmother, Madea, played by Perry as a white-wigged battle-ax in droopy-bosomed drag. The gear shifting left me with whiplash, and CinemaScope ain't wide enough to contain the scenery chewing here. (MO)

**DOWNFALL** (R, 155 minutes) Oliver Hirschbiegel's German film is about Adolph Hitler's final days, set mostly in the Fuehrer's bunker, spends time with

Hitler's inner circle of Nazi cohorts. The events are historically compelling to watch, and yet "Downfall" feels like cold-blooded, made-for-television material. The most powerful element is Bruno Ganz's persuasive performance as Hitler, a figure of gentility and irrationality who speaks with pride of his all-but-eradication of the Jewish people of Europe. (DT)

**FEVER PITCH** (PG-13, 98 minutes) This American baseball recasting of Nick Hornby's British soccer memoir is a complete strikeout. As the Boston Red Sox fan who has to choose between his beloved game and a gorgeous, available business consultant (Drew Barrymore), Jimmy Fallon is ineffective at best, deadly weird at worst. Why did filmmaking brothers Bobby and Peter Farrelly (makers of "Dumb & Dumber," "Kingpin" and "There's Something About Mary") even want to do this? Contains sexual language, sexual scenes, obscenity and cartoon violence. (DT)

**THE GAME OF THEIR LIVES** (PG, 101) David Anspaugh's movie, based on true events, is about the wet-behind-the-ears American World Cup soccer team that faced an intimidating English team and prevailed 1-0 in the Brazilian town of Belo Horizonte. Unfortunately, Anspaugh and Angelo Pizzo, the team that made the enjoyable sports films "Hoosiers" and "Rudy," don't repeat this success with soccer. This account, featuring Patrick Stewart, Gerald Butler and Wes Bentley, is cheesy and formulaic, even through the narrative elements (an American team that's socially divided between snooty WASPs and working-class Italian-Americans) are potential-

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ly interesting. The dialogue and acting are flatter than a punctured ball. And the staging of the soccer action is uninspired. (DT)

**GUESS WHO** (PG-13, 103 minutes) "Guess Who" is relatively message-free mainstream slapstick comedy in which Bernie Mac, playing a loan officer named Percy Jones, gets to stare and fume as a generically overprotective father, looking out for the girl who's brought home white stockbroker Simon Green (Ashton Kutcher). For the most part, this script-flipped remake of 1967's "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" traffics in the sort of set piec-

es involving garden-variety male rivalry that would be at home in any assembly-line Hollywood picture. (AH)

**HITCH** (PG-13, 114 minutes) Will Smith ditches his slimy slickster routine as a professional smoothie whose wooing tips are in high demand from the love losers of New York. Smith's Alex "Hitch" Hitchens, scarred from a past dumping and thus a commitment-phobe, gets his comeuppance when he falls for a curvaceous gossip columnist (Eva Mendes) who makes him lose his mojo. The film is flawed but likable, and in the subplot about a 9-to-5 schlub who hires Hitch to help him seduce an heiress (Amber Valletta), Kevin James takes the bitter-sweet ballet of the obese to a painfully hilarious new realm. (SEAN DALY)

**HOSTAGE** (R, 102 minutes) This new



**ATTACK OF THE CHISELED JAWS:** They're not models, just actors playing members of a plucky American soccer team in the sports drama "Game of Their Lives."

action thriller, starring Bruce Willis in the same role he's been playing for nearly 20 years, features a plot twist involving a police negotiator who himself becomes a hostage in the course of a tense stand-off. But by the time Willis' character saves this considerably long day, it's filmgoers who will no doubt feel like prisoners, as a movie that promises to be a taut nail-biter devolves into a kind of silly, overblown climax. (AH)

**HOTEL RWANDA** (PG-13, 110 minutes) Filmmaker Terry George isn't interested in giving Western audiences a case of the guilts. Instead, he has made a film about one man's complicated and finally courageous response to his country's descent into madness. That man, Paul Rusesabagina (Don Cheadle), sheltered more than 1,000 Tutsis and mod-

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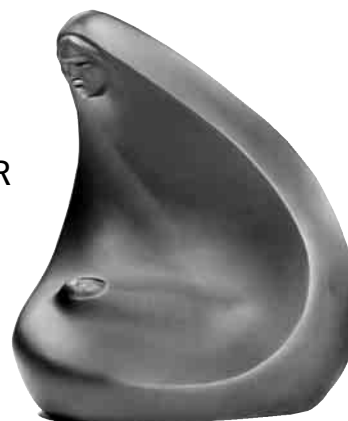
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erate Hutus at the hotel where he was manager during the crisis. But the great strength of "Hotel Rwanda" is that it's not about superhuman heroism but simply about human decency. (AH)

**ICE PRINCESS** (G, 92 minutes) This Disney figure-skating movie, though somewhat bland, is a feel-good infusion for your little darling (or pack of darlings) who could use an uplifting fantasy about a sweet-natured science geek (Michelle Trachtenberg) who braves intimidating odds and gets her glory moment on the



**WE'LL BUY THAT:** Nicole Kidman is the U.N. interpreter proficient in an obscure African language and Sean Penn the Secret Service agent ... Hollywood is nuts.

ice. Apart from appreciating the joys and ecstasies of triple axels and Lutzes, Trachtenberg is the warm center of the movie, an unspoiled charmer and a sweet princess to root for. (DT)

**THE INTERPRETER** (PG-13, 135 minutes) Sydney Pollack's thriller rides for a long time on a compelling premise: the possibility of an assassination in the United Nations' General Assembly. U.N. interpreter Sylvia Broome (Nicole Kidman) gets wind of a plot to kill an African leader. But when she contacts the U.S. Secret Service, Silvia is surprised to find herself the target of suspicion by agent Tobin Keller (Sean Penn), the man in charge of investigating her report. As a straight-

ahead thriller, the movie is enjoyable and stirring much of the time. But Kidman's character is schematically conceived, and Penn's Tobin makes an interesting but not emotionally involving foil. (DT)

**KING'S RANSOM** (PG-12, 95 minutes) Anthony Anderson plays Malcolm King, a wealthy businessman who has built up a lot of enemies, including his soon-to-be ex-wife (Kellita Smith) and his disgruntled employees. He hatches a plan to avoid paying for a messy divorce by staging his own kidnapping with a ridiculously high ransom. (DT)

**KUNGFU HUSTLE** (R, 95 minutes) Stephen Chow's martial-arts comedy snaps,

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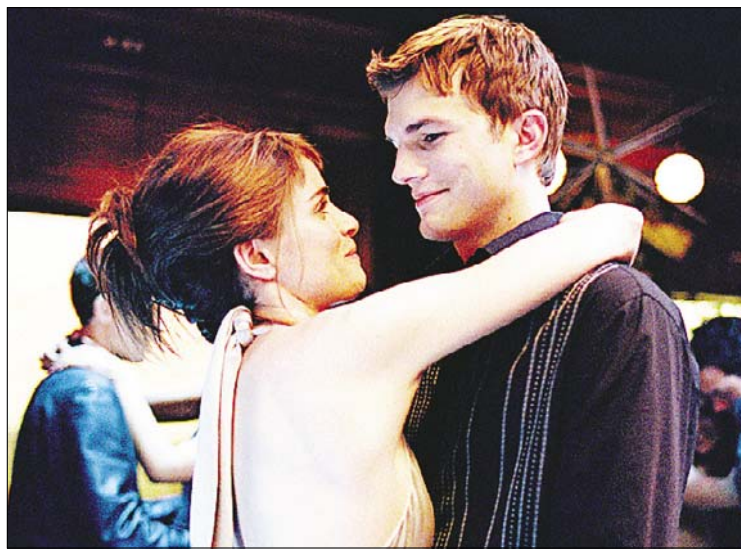
crackles and pops like nuclear popcorn on a scorching griddle. Filmmaker and screenwriter Chow plays Sing, an impoverished opportunist who manages to antagonize a small slummers' community and the Axe Gang oppressing it. The whole thing is a glorious excuse for amazing computer-generated imagery and jaw-dropping visual effects. (DT)

**A LOT LIKE LOVE** (PG-13, 97 minutes) Oliver (Ashton Kutcher) and Emily (Amanda Peet) meet cute, but it takes them seven years to get around to realizing that they're meant for each other in this overly familiar romantic comedy.

Actually, their meeting isn't that cute, taking place, as it does, during anonymous sex in an airplane bathroom. And Emily, hot as she may be, is cruel, narcissistic, distant and manipulative. Still, the film's biggest question isn't whether they will live happily ever after, but what Oliver ever saw in her in the first place. (MO)

**MELINDA AND MELINDA** (PG-13, 100 minutes) Give Woody Allen credit for ambition. Nearly anyone can fail at one movie; he's chosen to fail at two simultaneously. It would help greatly, however, if we could tell the two movies — a comedy and a tragedy — apart. The tragedy is not particularly tragic except in rote recitation of what came before, the comedy not particularly comic. (SH)

**MILLION DOLLAR BABY** (PG-13, 137 minutes) Clint Eastwood's movie is not only



**WILL THEY OR WON'T THEY?** "A Lot Like Love," with Amanda Peet and Ashton Kutcher, is a mishmash of other romantic comedies, none particularly memorable.

a tribute to boxing but also to the old-time movies and fiction devoted to it. It's a gut-stirring tall tale about a boxer (one buff Hilary Swank), her crusty trainer (Eastwood) and the wily old boxing gym proprietor (Morgan Freeman) who narrates the story. Sign on for this movie and you are in a different world, where the rules are simple: Hit first and hit hard, or kiss the canvas. Sometimes you do all the right things and you still end up face-down in your own blood. (DT)

**MILLIONS** (PG, 98 minutes) In Danny Boyle's delightful modern fairy tale, two young English brothers discover a bag of money. Anthony, the 9-year-old (Lewis Owen McGibbon), wants to spend it. But 7-year-old Damien (Alexander Nathan Etel), who happens to experience regular visions of saints, insists on giving it

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to the poor. Reality is seen from a young perspective, but there is no condescension in the exercise. (DT)

**MISS CONGENIALITY 2: ARMED AND FABULOUS:** (PG-13, 107 minutes) Even Sandra Bullock's brand of gutsy goofiness can't save this glaringly unfunny sequel to 2000's "Miss Congeniality," itself a pretty laughless affair about a tomboyish, crude FBI agent who gets a makeover so she can go undercover as a beauty pageant contestant. For much of the movie, Gracie is so infuriatingly obnoxious, it's hard to be on her side. (JEN CHANEY)

**THE PACIFIER** (PG, 94 minutes) Muscled-headed actor Vin Diesel gets domestic as a Navy SEAL who must protect a fatherless family from ninja forces bent on finding a special disk in the home. This means—cue canned laughter here—Vin dealing with baby vomit, screaming kids and petulant teenagers. There's nothing endearing about Diesel, whose woodenness would put Pinocchio to shame. Contains slapstick violence and Vin Diesel. (DT)

**THE RING TWO** (PG-13, 111 minutes) This sequel to 2002's "The Ring" doesn't have the oomph of the original, but it's not without its creepy qualities, thanks to direction from Hideo Nakata. (He made "Ringu," the original Japanese ghost story on which both American films were based.) Naomi Watts reprises her role as the journalist who is trying to keep one step away from a videotape that kills whoever watches it. This is a campy scream-a-thon in which you can alternate between freaking out and laughing out loud at some of the sillier moments. (DT)

**ROBOTS** (PG, 95 minutes) As a piece of production design, "Robots" is the aces. There's so much to see and plenty of time to see it, because the story won't preoccupy you and the characters have the personalities of toasters. It begins with a delirious concept: a human-free world of machines. The issues in play are planned obsolescence vs. perpetual repair. Big Business prefers the former, for the new upgrade units increase profits; the common-man bots prefer the latter, because they want to retain their essential identities. Yes, it's really a movie about can openers with souls who worry about going to can opener retirement villages and living on can opener social security. And if it could be worse, it could be better. (SH)

**SAHARA** (PG-13, 124 minutes) Indiana Jones, Matthew McConaughey is not. But he has been to the gym. This seems



**DON'T BE LATE WITH THE RENT:** The Landlady (Yuen Qiu) is among the first-flying characters in "Kung Fu Hustle."

to be the essential glory in this woeful action film. As master explorer Dirk Pitt (from Clive Cussler's book series), he's determined to unearth an iron-clad battleship from the Civil War era (Steve Zahn and Penelope Cruz are his sidekicks) that somehow wound up near Africa's Niger River. But he's even more determined to flex his assets and play tough on boats, trains and camels. It's not a movie, it's a training session. (DT)

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**SCHULTZE GETS THE BLUES** (PG, 114 minutes) When taciturn German polka accordionist Schultze (Horst Krause) hears a burst of zydeco music on the radio, everything changes. Thanks to a free ticket to a polka festival in Texas, he flies to America. And it isn't long before he's left the polka festival behind and is floating through the bayous on a shrimp boat. It's a charming film, not just a guy's visit to another culture but something of a spiritual journey. (DT)

**SIDEWAYS** (R, 124) Miles (Paul Giamatti) is an Everynerd who started out with promise and somehow got off track. Giamatti's middle school English teacher's idea of a good time is retiring with a glass of pinot noir. He agrees to go on a road trip with another loser, his college buddy Jack (Thomas Haden Church), a soap star who was once sorta famous. So they drive up and around Santa Barbara county, squabbling and sucking back wine. Eventually they take up with two women, played by



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Bruce Willis wields a gun with the longest barrel in history in "Sin City."

Sandra Oh and Virginia Madsen. There's not a false note here, and the supporting cast is uniformly excellent. (TW)  
**SIN CITY** (R, 126 minutes) You could call this a pure product of the American death cult. It celebrates revenge of the most violent sort, it features heroes who don't merely kill but mutilate and torture enemies, its view of women is primeval. So do you say this film is perverse and should be

banned for it will fascinate all the impressionable young with its aggressive nihilism? Or do you say it's so gorgeous and seductive, you just have to let it be what it is? I have no idea. (SH)

**STATE PROPERTY 2** (R, 94 minutes) This film was not screened for review. It stars Ol' Dirty Bastard, Michael Bentt and Cam'ron in a drama about gangsters vying for control of the Philadelphia streets.  
**THE UPSIDE OF ANGER** (R, 116 minutes) In Mike Bender's edgy tragi-farce, suburban housewife Terry (Joan Allen) dives into the bottle when her husband suddenly leaves her. But the gloom that enfolds her, as well as her four daughters by osmosis, starts to clear when boozy neighbor Denny (Kevin Costner) becomes romantically interested in Terry. Costner's a snaky charmer as the indolent, ultimately sensitive Denny. And Allen is outstanding as the inebriated Terry, whose senses are intoxicated but never dulled. (DT)

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**SAHARA (PG13)** 1:25, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55  
**SIN CITY (R)** 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 9:50  
**UPSIDE OF ANGER (R)** 1:00, 5:00  
**BEAUTY SHOP (PG13)** 4:20, 10:05  
**GUESS WHO (PG13)** 4:50, 7:20, 9:50, 12:20  
**MISS CONGENIALITY 2 (PG13)** 1:15, 7:35  
**ROBOTS (PG)** 12:10, 2:30  
**THE PACIFIER (PG)** 12:00, 4:55, 10:20  
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**BEAUTY SHOP (PG13)** 4:30, 7:30, 10:10  
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**ROBOTS (PG)** 5:30

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**KING'S RANSOM (PG13)** / 1:20, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45  
**A LOT LIKE LOVE (PG13)** / 1:00, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50  
**THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (R)** 1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20  
**FEVER PITCH (PG13)** 1:40, 4:50, 7:15, 10:00  
**FEVER PITCH (PG13)** / 1:10, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00  
**KUNG FU HUSTLE (R)** 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10  
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GUESS WHO (PG-13) DIG (125 425) 720 1025

A LOT LIKE LOVE (PG-13) DIG (120 420) 700 940 1215

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SAHARA (PG-13) (Stadium) (110 410) 710 1010

SIN CITY (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (115 415) 750 1040

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## Television

# Taking the Cure

**'Warm Springs'**  
shows FDR at his  
mightiest as a patient

**BIOPICS** | Kenneth Branagh knew that Franklin Delano Roosevelt had polio, but like most people, he was unaware of how the president dealt with the disease — first by trying to conquer the disability, then learning to live with it.

After reading Margaret Nagle's script for "Warm Springs" (Sat., 8 p.m., HBO) Branagh felt it was "about a life-changing moment, and a character-changing moment ... What is very recognizable in this story is the human quality behind a man who was iconic."

Although paralyzed from the waist down, FDR largely kept his disability from public view during his presidency (1933-45).

The film — which co-stars Cynthia Nixon as Eleanor Roosevelt and Jane Alexander as FDR's mother, Sara — focuses on Roosevelt's life between when he first contracted polio in 1921 at age 39 and



British actor Kenneth Branagh plays the iconic American president.

the late '20s.

The show's title refers to the Georgia health spa where Roosevelt sought treatment from its mineral-rich waters and met other polio sufferers born into circumstances very different from his own life of privilege. He used his trust fund to

buy the run-down facility and refurbish it, establishing an institution that still functions today.

During the seven-year odyssey depicted in "Warm Springs," Roosevelt tries everything in the hope of walking again, said Branagh. "He's also going through all the cycles that seem to be the normal consequences — tremendous depression, tremendous anger, tremendous apathy."

Branagh studied thousands of photos and film clips — even though they were carefully crafted to project the public image of confidence and vigor, not a man with crippled limbs and chronic pain.

Branagh also had to capture FDR's voice. Roosevelt's public delivery is famously known from his Pearl Harbor speech and "fireside chats," but far less is known about his private speaking style.

So the actor says his interpretation was "obviously a bit of a guess-timate," applying the notion that Americans of Roosevelt's class, culture and era did sound somewhat English. BRIDGET BYRNE (AP)

# Anjelica in The Hot Seat

**HALL OF FAMER** | Anjelica Huston, with her long-legged stride and long, dark hair, is an eye-catcher.

But viewers won't see the actress in the CBS movie "Riding the Bus with My Sister." For the third time, Huston has stepped behind the camera and into the director's chair.

She says she jumped at the chance to collaborate with Rosie O'Donnell, who plays a mentally handicapped woman in the Hallmark Hall of Fame drama (Sun., 9 p.m.). O'Donnell also served as executive producer.

Inspired by Rachel Simon's auto-

biographical book of the same name, the film chronicles the relationship between the assertive but dependent Beth (O'Donnell) and smart, self-absorbed Rachel (Andie MacDowell).

Their uneasy sisterhood changes when Rachel joins in Beth's daily pastime of hanging out on city buses — her way of interacting with a world that's sometimes harsh, sometimes kind.

The film eschews sentimentality in its depiction of Beth.

"You don't want to embrace her at all times," Huston said. "I think the movie comes from a pretty



**IN CHARGE:** A second generation of Hustons goes behind the camera.

direct point of view, which is this person is at the same time enchanting and exasperating, adorable and irritating."

The toughest part of directing was to say "action," Huston recounted.

"Because you feel really bogus," she said. "It's like anything. You have to get used to it. You have to get used to the sound of your voice as an actor. You have to get used to the position." LYNN ELBER (AP)







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## Restaurant

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## RESTAURANT



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## Restaurant



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## Retail

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## Business

### Convenience stores aren't just gasoline and candy anymore

Gas stations as gourmet destinations? It's an unlikely culinary revolution, but Slim Jims are making way for sushi as convenience stores add upscale eats.

The industry sees artisanal cheeses, freshly baked breads and high-end meals as ways to entice consumers to linger and eat. "We're trying to make these stores destinations, rather than convenience stops," said Stuart Lowry, marketing director for The Markets of Tiger Fuel, which offer fresh seafood, a deli and professional chefs.

"If you choose to just get in and get gas, you can," he said. "But if you want to sit down and have a gourmet meal, you can do that, too."

The change comes at a crucial time for convenience stores. The industry is facing new competition from groceries that have



**JOE ON THE GO:** A Mobil station in Manchester, N.H., has a "brew master."

added fuel pumps.

Until recently, the industry has focused mostly on one type of customer, what National Association of Convenience Stores spokesman Jeff Lenard called the "Bubba" — a blue-collar male smoker. Reaching beyond Bubba has meant bigger, brighter and more upscale convenience stores that compete with grocers and restaurants. Bubba is being replaced by the "grab-and-go affluent," people who spend considerable time in their vehicles and demand portable meals, but want more than Slurpees and shrink-wrapped sandwiches, Lenard said.

**WHEELS & MEALS:** Two women wait for a pizza ordered inside a Sheetz convenience store in Altoona, Pa.



# Gas With Class

The economics make sense. A good price on fuel might get people in the door once or twice a week. Great coffee, brick-oven pizza and gelato could pull them in daily.

"Most retailers will tell you they can make more money off a 12-ounce cup of coffee than a 12-gallon fill-up," Lenard said. That's the plan at Exxon's On the Run stores, where the

company developed a line of gourmet coffees called Bengal Traders.

Since many customers are more loyal to good coffee than to gas brands, the extra effort is worth it, said Russ Ritenour, hot beverages manager. Exxon Mobil even added a brew master position at stores.

Most companies are taking a broader approach, outfitting shops

with kitchens or forming partnerships with restaurants, such as Subway and Dunkin' Donuts. Today, 80 percent of convenience stores have food made on-site, according to the National Restaurant Association. "The whole convenience dynamic is changing, and changing in a big way," said Bill Reilly, a vice president for Sheetz. J.M. HIRSCH (AP)

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## Television

### 'Screech'

**DUSTIN DIAMOND** ("Screech" from "Saved by the Bell") was online Thursday to discuss the show and the Nats' mascot, "Screech" | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

**Our Nationals' mascot is supposed to be a baby bald eagle, yet still has a white head. We all know that baby bald eagles are born with brownish-black heads and don't turn white until they reach 3-5 years of age.**

The alternative to "Screech" could possibly be the Washington "Steve Irwin's arm hanging out of a croc's mouth." Then again, maybe you should just accept the fact that the eagle could just have matured quick for its age.

**Your command of different voices would seem to make you a natural for voice-over work. Is it something you've considered?**

Voice work is a lot of fun and I would most certainly do my fair share. Stand-up comedy is on the front burner right now though, and touring the country is hard but fun work.

**Do you keep in touch with any of the other cast members from "Saved By the Bell?"**

I don't visit the unemployment office that much. I live in Wisconsin now so I don't get a chance to see

them that often, unless my comedy tour takes me to Cali. Still, there is no guarantee that I will be able to get onto the set of "Pet Star."

**So you really aren't Neil's son?**

Neil is NOT my dad. There may be some relation there but I've never looked it up or met Neil.

**Playing a character like "Screech" must be a blessing and a curse.**

**What are the best and worst things that you've taken from that experience?**

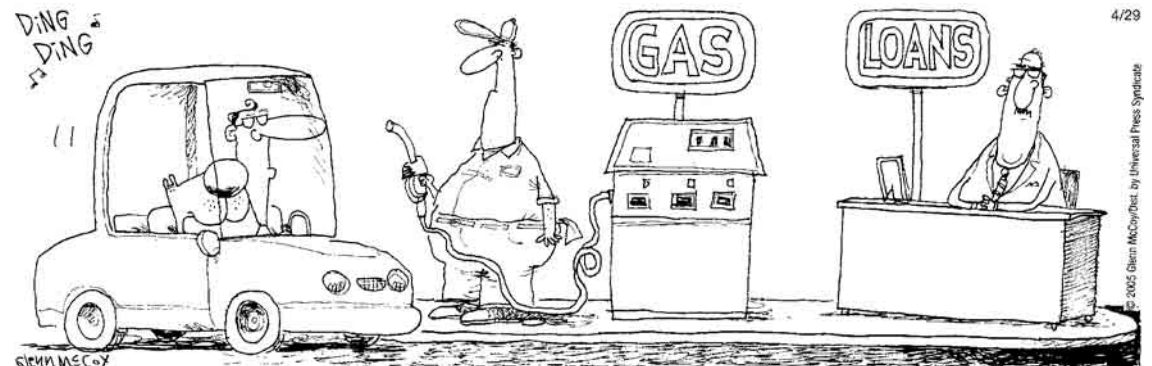
Best: Getting perks of the industry, of course. From free meals to endorsement deals. From babes in leather to a mascot in feathers. Worst: Hard to lend a bit of your mannerisms to a character and have people be unable to differentiate between your sense of humor and the character you portrayed.

**What happened to "Miss Bliss"?**  
Livin' La England Loca.

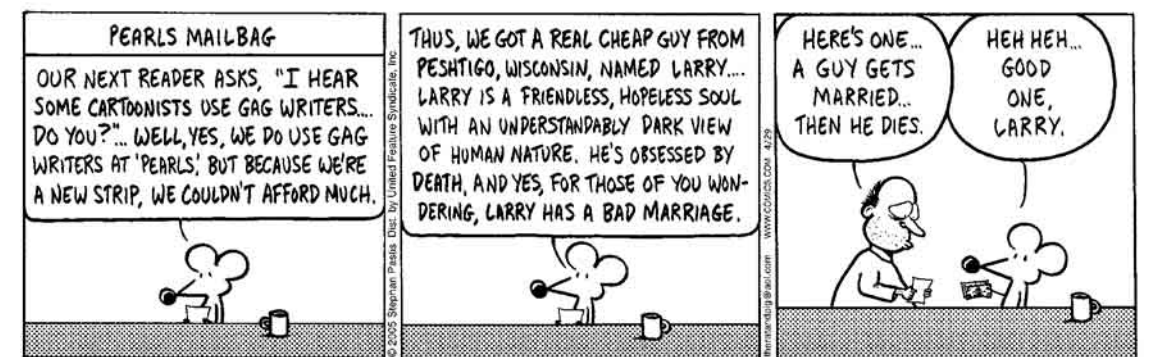
**→ Today on Live Online**

**12:30 P.M.:** Post film critic Desson Thomson discusses the latest movie offerings.

### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



### Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



## Letters

### Bisexuality Argument Weak

**ONE WOULD THINK** the homosexual community would choose a better representative than the author J.L. King (interviewed in Thursday's WeekendPass). He presents a weak

argument by stating that he "came to the realization" that he was bisexual, and then in the same interview, he says that bisexuality "is not a learned behavior." He shows his own bigotry by condemning the entire church and the entire black community. As a Christian and a dissenter of such behaviors myself, I am aware that his presumption of my own "bound-

less condemnation" is unfounded. It is unfortunate that he is attacking the very community that would remind him that extramarital affairs and other such experimentation will not bring him happiness.

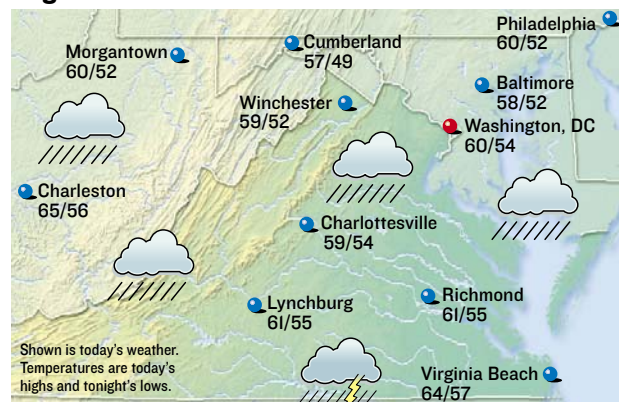
—ISRAEL DAVID GROVEMAN  
Gaithersburg, Md.

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### 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Cooler, rain, drizzle	Areas of rain, drizzle, fog	Windy, warmer, thunderstorms	Mostly sunny, breezy	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy, shower in spots
<b>60°</b>	<b>54°</b>	<b>76° / 52°</b>	<b>70° / 50°</b>	<b>68° / 50°</b>	<b>64° / 50°</b>

### Regional Weather



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### Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

#### Temperature

High	68°
Low	50°
Normal high	70°
Normal low	50°
Average humidity	35%

#### Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	3.16"
Normal month to date	2.57"
Year to date	12.56"
Last year to date	9.56"
Normal year to date	12.01"

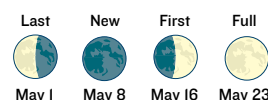
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### Regional Forecast

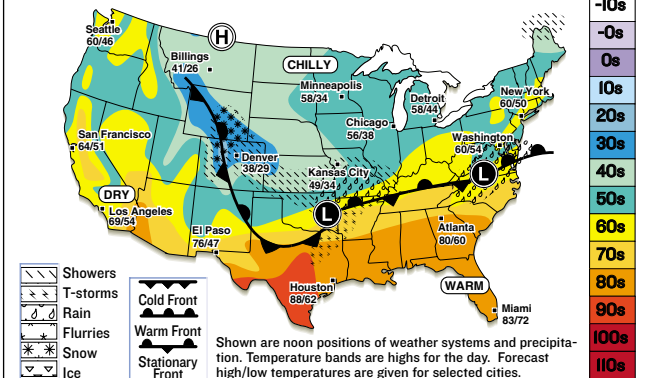
**D.C. Metro:** Today, cloudy, rain, drizzle, cooler. High 60. Wind southeast 8-15 mph. Tonight, cloudy, occasional rain, drizzle, fog. Low 54.

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:13 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:59 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:16 a.m.
Moonset today	10:15 a.m.



### National Weather for Friday, April 29



### National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	Hi/Low/pc	71/51/t
Boston	62/48/pc	57/48/r
Chicago	56/38/r	52/38/sh
Dallas	82/50/pc	69/48/s
Denver	38/29/sn	52/31/sh
Honolulu	83/67/pc	83/70/s
Los Angeles	69/54/pc	70/54/pc
Miami	83/72/s	86/72/s
New York City	60/50/r	64/50/t
Orlando	86/65/s	88/66/pc
Seattle	60/46/sh	60/46/sh

### World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	Hi/Low/c	66/60/pc
Athens	59/46/pc	67/53/pc
Berlin	61/46/sh	66/49/pc
Buenos Aires	68/48/pc	72/54/s
Calgary	40/18/pc	35/20/c
Dublin	59/50/pc	59/48/r
Geneva	66/46/pc	73/48/pc
Moscow	59/41/c	54/39/c
Rome	70/50/s	73/55/s
Sydney	70/53/sh	68/53/sh
Tokyo	77/61/pc	73/60/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



# LOOK\* out

## People

### PAUSE

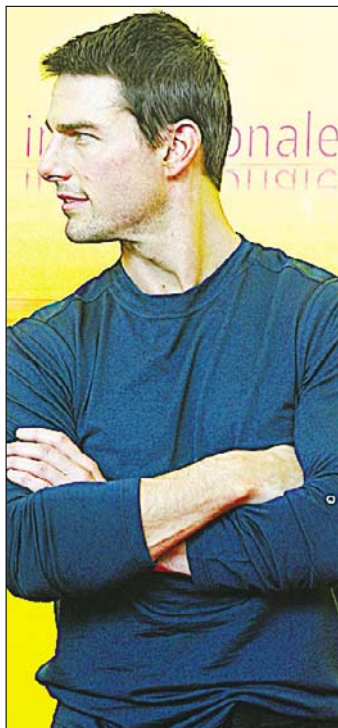
#### Fans of the Brit 'Office' Stop Bashing NBC and Rejoice

HBO announced Wednesday that it was co-producing "Extras," the next comedy series created by **RICKY GERVAIS** and Stephen Merchant, the team behind the BBC's acclaimed comedy series "The Office."

The six-episode first season will debut this summer on BBC Two. HBO hasn't set air dates yet. Gervais will star as aspiring actor Andy Millman, who gives up his day job seeking fame and fortune but can't get ahead in the movies. (AP)



JOHN D. MCHUGH/AP



ALESSIA PIERDOMENICO/REUTERS

HUH?

## Odd Couple

It's been confirmed by their respective publicists: **TOM CRUISE**, 42, and **KATIE HOLMES**, 26, are dating, and have been for a few weeks. The pair were photographed this week together in Rome, where Cruise on Friday will receive a lifetime achievement award at the David di Donatello Awards. Cruise's first two marriages, to Mimi Rogers and Nicole Kidman, ended in divorce. Holmes and actor Chris Klein recently called off their engagement after dating five years. (AP)



Spider-Man sneaks up on Stan Lee and steals all the film profits back.

### LAWSUITS

#### Vindication, and Piles of \$\$

Cartoonist **STAN LEE** has reached a settlement with Marvel Enterprises. Lee had sued in November 2002 to share profits generated by the company's television and movie productions — particularly the "Spider-Man" films. Terms of the settlement were not disclosed. "We are very, very happy with the resolution," Lee's attorney, Howard Graff, told Thursday. Graff had said previously that the potential payday from Marvel could be in the tens of millions of dollars. (AP)

### MILESTONES

#### Last Reason to Watch 'SNL' Is Pregnant

"Saturday Night Live" comedian-writer **TINA FEY** is pregnant. The baby is due in September, People magazine reported Wednesday.

It will be the first child for the Weekend Update co-anchor and her husband, "SNL" composer **JEFF RICHMOND**. Fey will remain at the show's news desk through the end of the season. Fey, 34, and Richmond, 44, met before their "SNL" jobs



Fans are already complaining that the baby "used to be funnier."

JENNIFER GRAYLOCK/AP

and dated for seven years before tying the knot in 2001, the magazine said. People said Fey is waiting to hear whether NBC will pick up her pilot in the fall; she would be both the star and executive producer of the yet-to-be-titled show about a head writer for a sketch comedy/variety show. (AP)

### FALSE TABLOIDS

#### Lies, Damn Lies, Statistics and Star Cover

To match Us Weekly's cover photos of **BRAD PITT** and **ANGELINA JOLIE** together on an African beach, S magazine doctored two separate oceanside pictures of each actor. The issue proclaims, "Brad Angelina: Caught Together! On Vacation." But tucked away on page 8 is a disclaimer noting the image is a "composite of two photographs." Us Weekly won a bidding war for the real photos by spending a reported \$500,000 for the pictures. (AP)

This must also be how the tabloids put Katie and Tom together.



### MEMORABILIA

#### Island of Dr. Moreau' Items Are 75 Percent Off

More than 250 items once belonging to **MARLON BRANDO**, including an annotated script from 1972's "The Godfather" and a letter from the actor to Martin Luther King Jr., will be auctioned June 30. Other items are personal, including numerous musical instruments, boxing gloves and his foosball table. The items are being put up for bid by Brando's estate. He died of lung failure in July 2004 at age 80. (AP)



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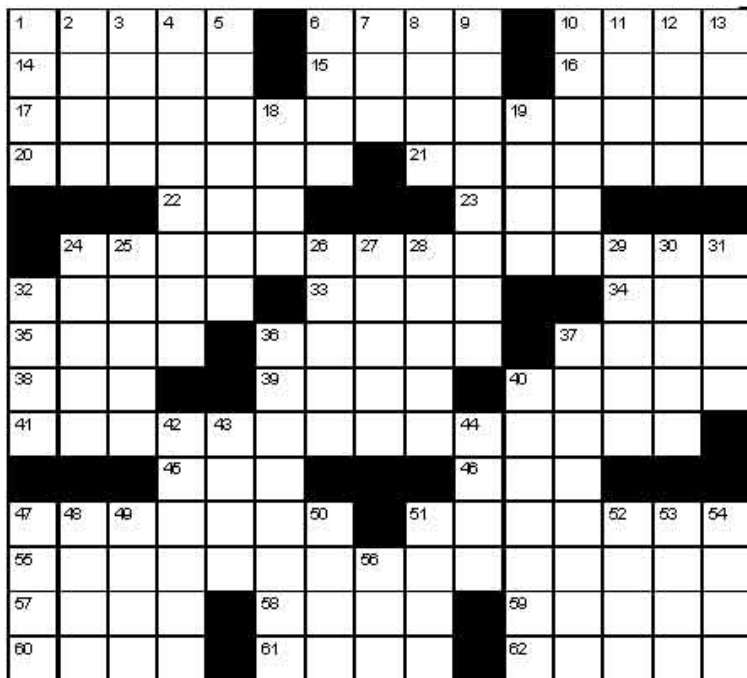
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14 Legendary actor Davis  
15 Many a Norwegian king  
16 Wooden's fab five  
17 Certain military camp + magazine  
20 Film in which Dustin was Dorothy  
21 About 26,000 square miles of Asia  
22 Noted Broadway Prince  
23 Requirement in some restaurants  
24 Artemis' brother + baker's dozen  
32 Word with red or on  
33 "Just the facts, \_\_\_"  
34 Dr. with seven faces  
35 Type of shot  
36 Jack in "Around the World in 80 Days"  
37 Satisfy fully  
38 Summer games grp.  
39 Fen-\_\_\_ (controversial diet drug combo)  
40 They can be blind  
41 Apostles' count + irate husbands  
45 Cologne article  
46 Santa \_\_\_, California

### DOWN

- 47 Orbital points  
51 Sir Walter Scott character  
55 "The" + Jack Benny's age + measures  
57 1,620 yards, in Old Rome  
58 First name among noted architects  
59 "\_\_\_ all, folks!"  
60 "You're something \_\_\_!"  
61 Person with a list  
62 Chip enhancer

### DOWN

- 1 Leader in home entertainment?  
2 Phrase in legalese  
3 Aoki of golf  
4 Jenkins and McLaughlin comic strip  
5 You can smell it in an ocean's breeze  
6 Something to strike  
7 Pub potable  
8 Liquid rock  
9 It starts after the fourth quarter  
10 Popular shopping venue  
11 They're part of a really good deal  
12 Beat it  
13 Mideast capital  
18 Trout's  
19 Depilatory brand  
24 Give permission to  
25 Quiet companion



- 26 College World Series site  
27 Spoken for  
28 "The Killing Fields" Oscar winner \_\_\_ S. Ngor  
29 Tickle pink  
30 Worn away  
31 Discouraging words  
32 "\_\_\_ was in the beginning..."  
36 Observant  
37 Comical witch  
40 Hereditary rulers  
42 Worse Simon for "Simon Says"  
43 \_\_\_ Cong  
44 Favorable review  
47 "Ma! (He's Making Eyes \_\_\_)"  
48 Punxsutawney celeb  
49 Does routine engine maintenance  
50 Old dagger  
51 Barge \_\_\_ (interrupt)  
52 What time will do to a wound  
53 Chooses  
54 She, in Milan  
56 Roth plan, for one

### Yesterday's Solution



## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Don't let self-consciousness stand in your way. Once you get over your initial resistance to something new, the sky's the limit.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Open and honest dialogue between friends, family members and loved ones will only serve to increase harmony in all areas.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** What begins as a far-fetched idea is something you're likely to take much more seriously later

on. Don't rule out anything just yet.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** If it's love you want, it's love you can have — but be willing to give a little before you can get as much as you want.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Compromise will not require you to make any sacrifices to speak of — though be willing to see things from another perspective.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You may have to get away from your usual haunts to renew your own point of view and solve problems in a creative manner.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Your commitment to a current project is admirable, but you may be giving so much of yourself that your perspective is getting blurred.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** It is

essential that you keep your own desires and expectations in focus, or you're likely to risk both profit and standing.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** It may fall to you to resolve a conflict that arises between two individuals who claim to be supporting a common cause.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Your day-to-day affairs have been nothing to worry about lately, but things in the personal arena are likely to heat up unexpectedly.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** This is a good day to experiment with a newfound talent. You may discover that you have a great deal of potential in a new field.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Questions of financial and emotional security are likely to arise on more than one occasion. You must address these issues honestly.

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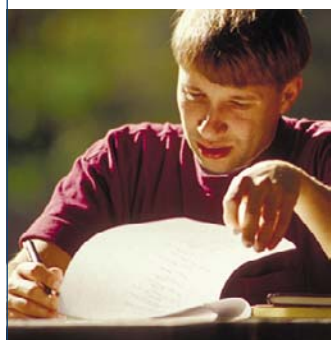


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